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FROZEN DEATH —

(A SHIELD STORY)

Joe Higgins stared at the things that had but an instant before been people, dumbstruck with horror. He should have been prepared for it. Headquarters had warned him when it'd assigned him to the weird case. But nobody, not even the Shield, could regard the frightful fate that had lashed out at those poor victims, with anything even approaching calm. For what had been once flesh and blood were now solid statues of ice. Four of them.

The rest of the passengers on the train, had as yet, not noticed anything. Then Joe stepped up to one of the victims and touched one of its fingers. The shock of what followed, sent him recoiling a step. The finger broke off, fell on the floor, and shattered into thousands of gleaming ice crystals, while the features began to get blobby as the heat of the car began to melt the fantastic ice statues. It was then that the other passengers in the train noticed the bizarre tragedy, and cries of horror jangled the air. Soon the entire car became bedlam. But Joe Higgins was not around to hear it. For at that moment, the G man extraordinary, now attired in his Shield uniform, was leaping off the back platform of the train.

The Shield landed, cat-like, on his feet, his unbelievable muscles absorbing the terrific shock as easily as though he were alighting from a kiddie car instead of a locomotive going at eighty miles an hour. He looked around, and saw only unbroken plateau land. Except for a single out crop of rock, looming perhaps fifty feet into the air, and set back, perhaps 100 yards from the railroad tracks.

Then it was that he noticed the aperture, no larger than the size of an ordinary window slightly below the top and facing the railroad tracks. The Shield's eyes narrowed as he flattened out, and peered over the edge to study it more closely. Then a hard gleam came into them and his lips tightened. For that aperture was no accident of nature. IT WAS MAN MADE.

"Somebody's inside there," he said. "And I'm going to find him."

It was a short moment's work to put his shoulder to the section of the rock, and crush through the thick rock into a miniature cave.

He saw before him a crude, step-like affair winding upward, and he began to ascend. A thin gleam of light began to show as he neared the top-moonbeams filtering through the window-like affair which he had first detected. Everything lying beyond the moon's rays, was shrouded in complete darkness. The Shield advanced cautiously ahead.

Then the darkness was suddenly pierced by a blinding ray, which fell flush upon the Shield. A fierce, white light bathed him in its glare. And a terrific blast of cold numbed his muscles. Rooted him to the spot.

Never before had the Shield experienced a frost as intense as that. His every faculty was paralyzed. And he felt the moisture on his face harden and crystalize into thousands of beads of ice.

A loud maniacal laughter shrilled through the darkness, from behind the ray. "Ha, ha, ha. So the Shield found my hiding place. Clever. Very clever. But it'll do you no good. For not even you can survive my freezing ray."

The Shield remained immobile. To all appearances another victim of the madman somewhere in the room.

The high-pitched, semi-hysterical voice went on fiercely, "your government laughed at me when I tried to sell them my invention. Called me a crack-brained fool. I've showed them. Showed them just how potent my freezing ray is. Showed them in a way even fools could understand. Murder. I shall offer my ray to another government now that I know it works. And I'll get a handsome price for it, too."

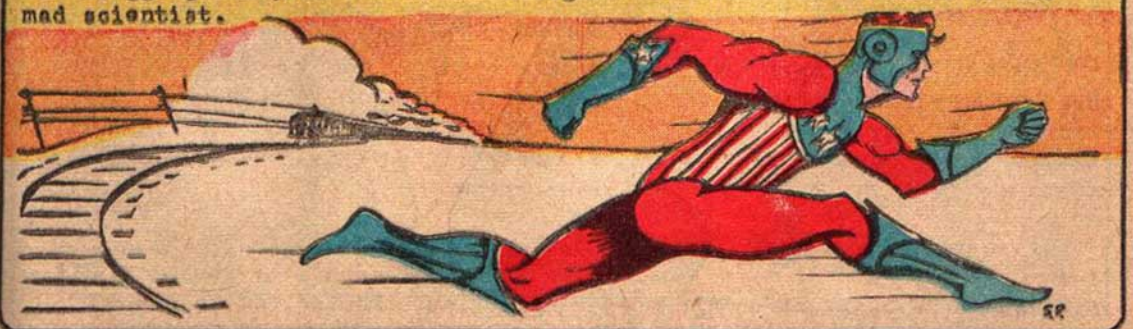
Suddenly, the voice broke off in a shrill screech of terror. For the figure before him, which had received the full shock of his ray, and should now be a statue of ice was moving towards him. Slowly, but inexorably. More and more intense the ray grew. And still the Shield kept advancing.

The Shield, muscles almost shrieking with the fierce paralyzing numbness, had to strain his mighty will to the last shred to keep even his superhuman body from succumbing to the terrible lethargy that frozen light was subjecting him to. HAD TO KEEP MOVING OR..he knew not what. Had to get beyond and past it to the mad scientist at the controls.

The voice in the darkness now became a horrible wail. "Blast you Shield! Blast you! You are the only living thing that could have survived my ray. But you'll never learn its secret. It'll die with me."

And then, just as the Shield was about to step beyond the ray's focusing point, there was a terrific explosion, and the debris, tons of it, came tumbling down all about him.

Hours later, a hand reached through rocks, piled high from the blast, and the figure of the Shield broke through, to the top of the outcrop. He was dragging what was once a human figure with him. The remains of the mad scientist.



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COME ON WITH ME!
COME ON, I SAID! AND STOP WHININ'! I'M TAKING YOU TO THE WARDEN'S OFFICE!
NO! NO! I DON'T WANT TO! I'D RATHER DIE!
NOW, YOU SIT THERE AND WAIT!
I..IT'S THE MONSTER AGAIN!..KEEP AWAY FROM ME!... HELP! HELP!

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE ME THIS TIME!
CRASH
WHEEE
SOON THE SHRILL SCREAMS OF SIRENS ARE HEARD AS POLICE CARS COMB THE CITY IN A HUNT FOR THE ESCAPED YOUTH....
IN THE HOME OF BLANE WHITNEY
BOY! DO YOU HEAR THOSE POLICE SIRENS?
YEAH, BLANE! SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE! LET'S GO!
WHEE! ACTION AT LAST HUH, WIZARD?
MAYBE! THOSE SIRENS SOUND LIKE THEY'RE BY THE WATERFRONT!
DAVE'S SEA FOOD
WE'VE GOT HIM CORNERED! SEARCH HIM OUT AND SHOOT HIM ON SIGHT, HE'S DANGEROUS!
THEY KIN KILL ME (SOB) (SOB). BUT I WON'T LET 'EM TAKE ME BACK TO THAT MONSTER!
THERE'S THE POLICE CORDON, ALL RIGHT! MUST BE A DANGEROUS KILLER FROM THE WAY THEY'RE ARMED!
HEY WIZARD! LOOK OVER THERE, HIDING BEHIND A BALE!
IT'S THE CONVICT ALL RIGHT! LET'S GET HIM!
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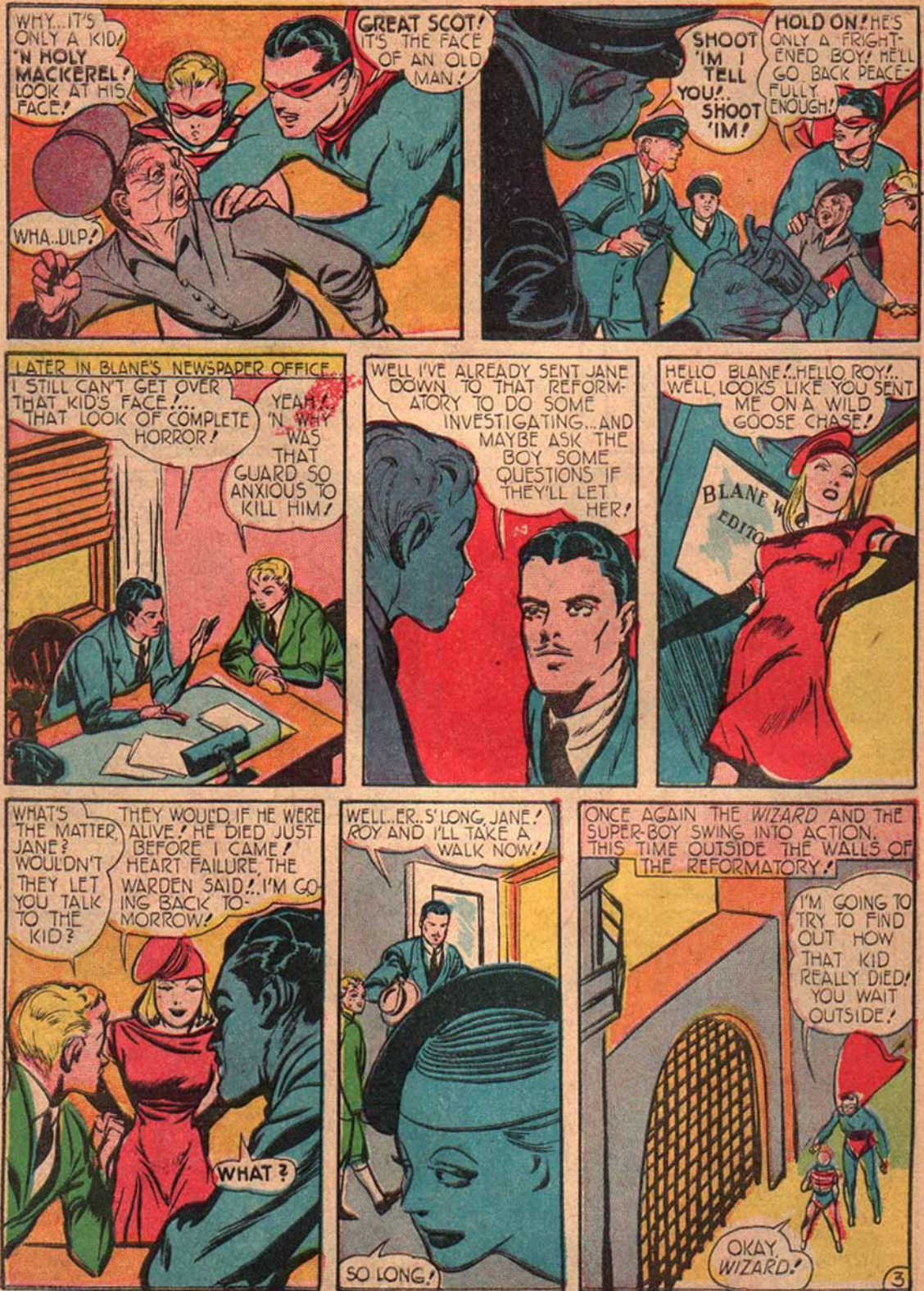
WHY...IT'S ONLY A KID! 'N HOLY MACKEREL! LOOK AT HIS FACE!
GREAT SCOT! IT'S THE FACE OF AN OLD MAN!
WHA..ULP!
SHOOT 'IM I TELL YOU!.. SHOOT 'IM!
HOLD ON! HE'S ONLY A FRIGHTENED BOY! HE'LL GO BACK PEACEFULLY ENOUGH!
LATER IN BLANE'S NEWSPAPER OFFICE..
I STILL CAN'T GET OVER THAT KID'S FACE!.... THAT LOOK OF COMPLETE HORROR!
YEAH! 'N WHY WAS THAT GUARD SO ANXIOUS TO KILL HIM!
WELL I'VE ALREADY SENT JANE DOWN TO THAT REFORMATORY TO DO SOME INVESTIGATING...AND MAYBE ASK THE BOY SOME QUESTIONS IF THEY'LL LET HER!
HELLO BLANE!..HELLO ROY!.. WELL, LOOKS LIKE YOU SENT ME ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE!
BLANE W
EDITO
WHAT'S THE MATTER, JANE? WOULDN'T THEY LET YOU TALK TO THE KID?
THEY WOULD IF HE WERE ALIVE! HE DIED JUST BEFORE I CAME! HEART FAILURE, THE WARDEN SAID!..I'M GOING BACK TOMORROW!
WHAT?
WELL..ER..S'LONG, JANE! ROY AND I'LL TAKE A WALK NOW!
SO LONG!
ONCE AGAIN THE WIZARD AND THE SUPER-BOY SWING INTO ACTION. THIS TIME OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF THE REFORMATORY!
I'M GOING TO TRY TO FIND OUT HOW THAT KID REALLY DIED! YOU WAIT OUTSIDE!
OKAY, WIZARD!
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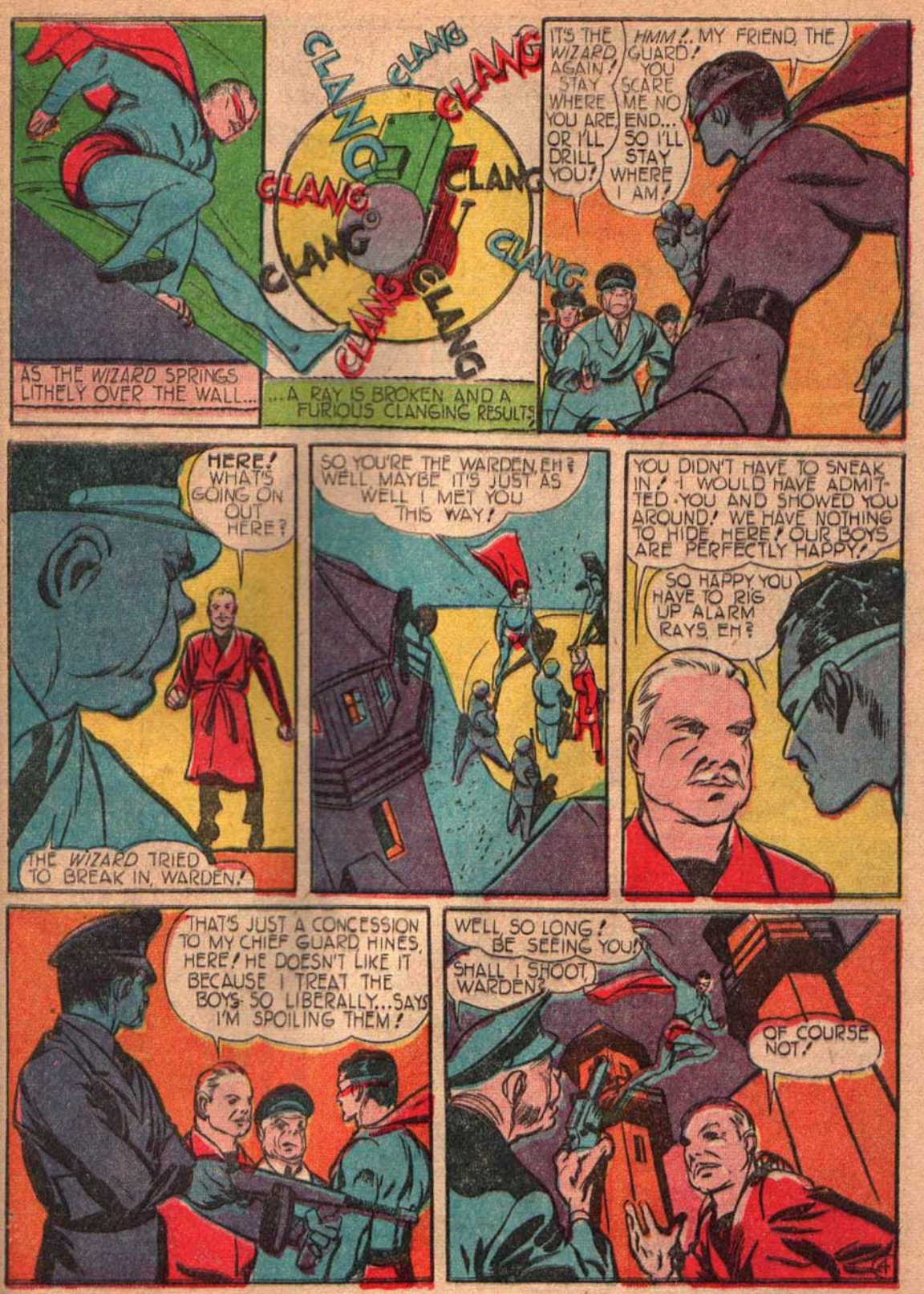
AS THE WIZARD SPRINGS LITHELY OVER THE WALL...
CLANG
...A RAY IS BROKEN AND A FURIOUS CLANGING RESULTS!
IT'S THE WIZARD AGAIN! STAY WHERE YOU ARE, OR I'LL DRILL YOU!
HMM!.. MY FRIEND, THE GUARD! YOU SCARE ME NO END... SO I'LL STAY WHERE I AM!
HERE! WHAT'S GOING ON OUT HERE?
THE WIZARD TRIED TO BREAK IN, WARDEN!
SO YOU'RE THE WARDEN, EH? WELL MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL I MET YOU THIS WAY!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SNEAK IN! I WOULD HAVE ADMITTED YOU AND SHOWED YOU AROUND! WE HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE HERE! OUR BOYS ARE PERFECTLY HAPPY!
SO HAPPY YOU HAVE TO RIG UP ALARM RAYS, EH?
THAT'S JUST A CONCESSION TO MY CHIEF GUARD HINES, HERE! HE DOESN'T LIKE IT BECAUSE I TREAT THE BOYS SO LIBERALLY... SAYS I'M SPOILING THEM!
WELL SO LONG! BE SEEING YOU!
SHALL I SHOOT, WARDEN?
OF COURSE NOT!
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HIYA WIZARD! I HEARD THE ALARM! GUESS THEY CAUGHT YOU, HUH?
YES! ALL I MANAGED TO DO WAS MAKE MYSELF LOOK FOOLISH!
IT'S MY TURN, WIZARD! I COULD GET IN THERE AND FIND OUT WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT! LEMME DO IT, HUH?
HMM! MAYBE YOU COULD AT THAT!
NEXT DAY...
THESE ARE THE OLDEST CLOTHES I COULD FIND! HOPE I LOOK TOUGH ENOUGH!
O'BOY! NOW'S MY CHANCE TO GET INTO SOME REAL TROUBLE!
HELP! THIEF! MY POCKET-BOOK!
SO! A PURSE-SNATCHER..WELL YOU RAN THE WRONG WAY, YOU LITTLE HOODLUM!
LEMME GO, YA BIG PAL-OOKA! I'LL SMACK YA ON THE SNOOT!
TOUGH KID, HUH! I'M TAKIN' YOU TO THE POLICE STATION!
YES, YOUR HONOR! I'LL PREFER CHARGES AGAINST THIS RUFFIAN!
DOITY FLAT-FOOT! THINK I'M SCARED O' YOUSE? BRRACCK!
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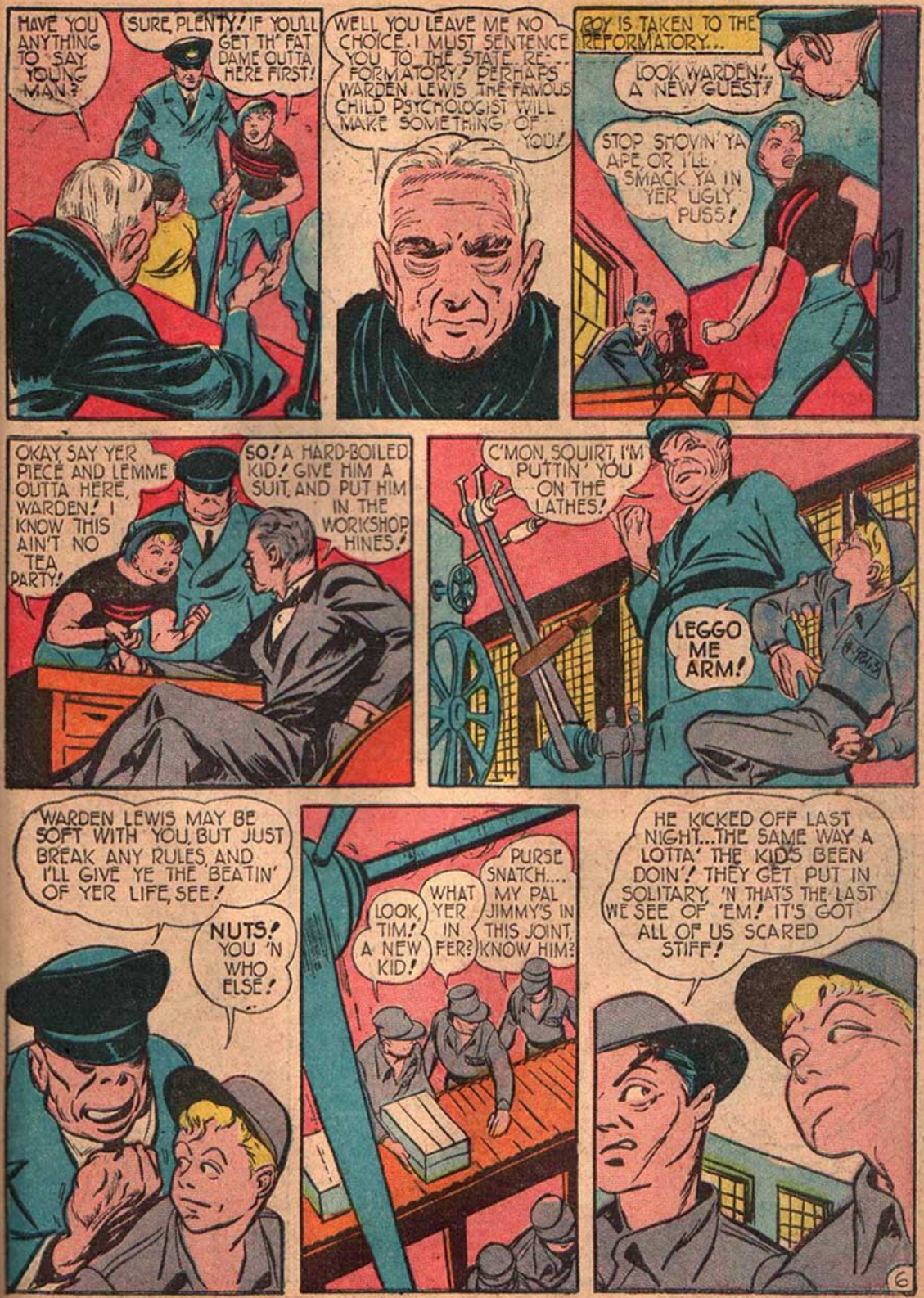
HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO SAY, YOUNG MAN?
SURE, PLENTY! IF YOU'LL GET TH' FAT DAME OUTTA HERE FIRST!
WELL, YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE. I MUST SENTENCE YOU TO THE STATE RE-... FORMATORY! PERHAPS WARDEN LEWIS THE FAMOUS CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST WILL MAKE SOMETHING OF YOU!
BOY IS TAKEN TO THE REFORMATORY...
LOOK, WARDEN!... A NEW GUEST!
STOP SHOVIN' YA APE, OR I'LL SMACK YA IN YER UGLY PUSS!
OKAY, SAY YER PIECE AND LEMME OUTTA HERE, WARDEN! I KNOW THIS AIN'T NO TEA PARTY!
SO! A HARD-BOILED KID! GIVE HIM A SUIT, AND PUT HIM IN THE WORKSHOP, HINES!
C'MON, SQUIRT, I'M PUTTIN' YOU ON THE LATHES!
LEGGO ME ARM!
WARDEN LEWIS MAY BE SOFT WITH YOU, BUT JUST BREAK ANY RULES, AND I'LL GIVE YE THE BEATIN' OF YER LIFE, SEE!
NUTS! YOU 'N WHO ELSE!
LOOK, TIM! A NEW KID!
WHAT YER IN FER?
PURSE SNATCH.... MY PAL JIMMY'S IN THIS JOINT, KNOW HIM?
HE KICKED OFF LAST NIGHT...THE SAME WAY A LOTTA' THE KIDS BEEN DOIN'! THEY GET PUT IN SOLITARY, 'N THAT'S THE LAST WE SEE OF 'EM! IT'S GOT ALL OF US SCARED STIFF!
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AT THAT MOMENT
OH, YES! I PROMISED TO TAKE YOU AROUND TODAY! ALWAYS GLAD TO OBLIGE THE PRESS!
THANK YOU, WARDEN!
ROY!.. YOU...
JANE!... SHHH!
DO YOU KNOW THIS BOY?
WHY..ER.. NO! I MISTOOK HIM FOR SOMEONE ELSE!
WELL...ER..I MUST BE GOING! I STAYED LONGER THAN I INTENDED TO...
TAKE THE BACK DOOR OUT! IT'S EASIER!
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS ROY UP TO? I MUST HURRY BACK TO THE OFFICE AND TELL BLANE ABOUT THIS!
JANE IS LED OUT THE BACK DOOR WHERE SHE EMERGES IN A DESERTED SECTION OF THE COURTYARD...
SUDDENLY....
GOOD! SHE FAINTED!
EEYOWW! HELLLP!
WHAT WAS THAT? SOUNDED LIKE JANE SCREAMING FOR HELP!
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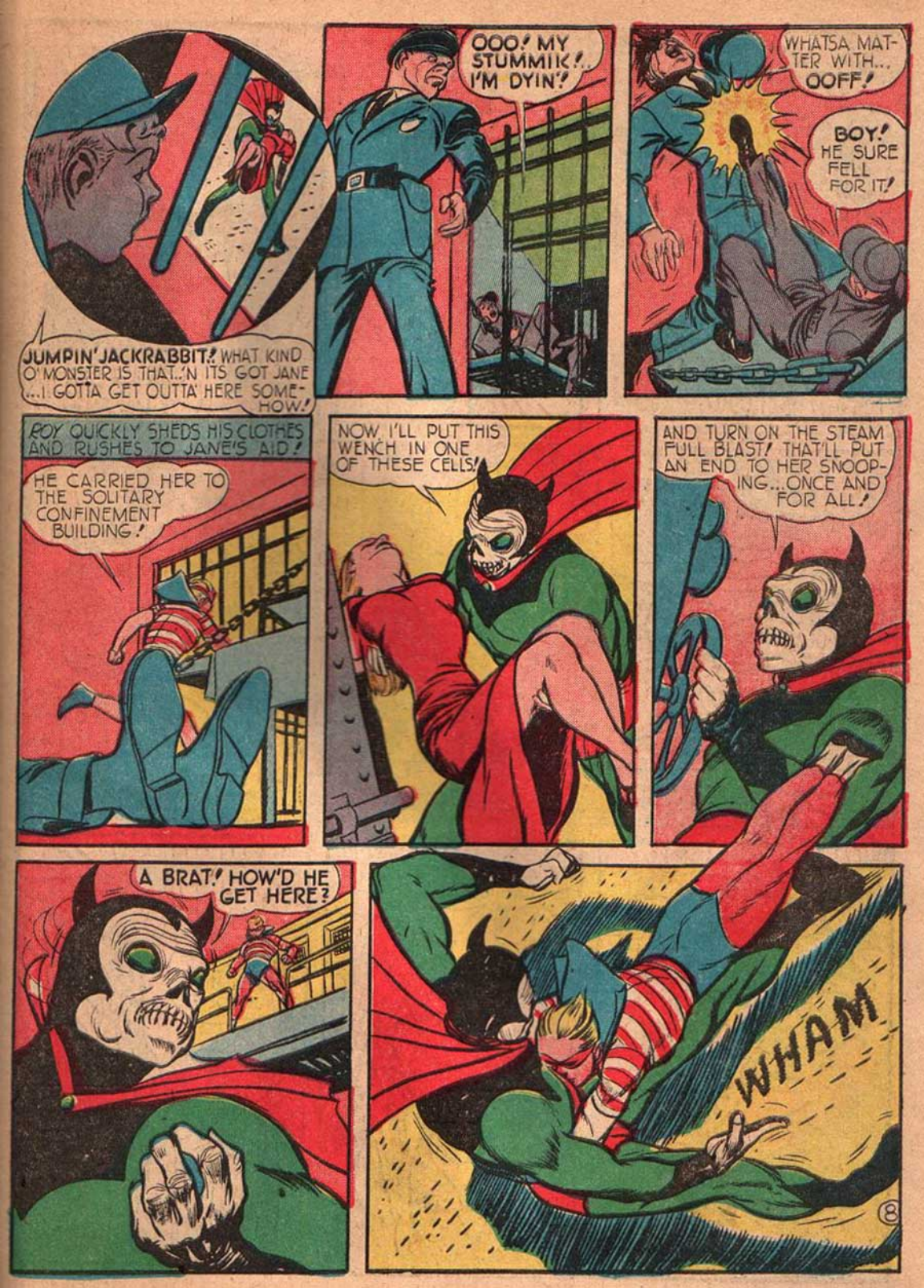
JUMPIN' JACKRABBIT! WHAT KIND O' MONSTER IS THAT..'N ITS GOT JANE ...I GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE SOME-HOW!
OOO! MY STUMMIK!.. I'M DYIN'!
WHATSA MAT-TER WITH... OOFF!
BOY! HE SURE FELL FOR IT!
BOY QUICKLY SHEDS HIS CLOTHES AND RUSHES TO JANE'S AID!
HE CARRIED HER TO THE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT BUILDING!
NOW, I'LL PUT THIS WENCH IN ONE OF THESE CELLS!
AND TURN ON THE STEAM FULL BLAST! THAT'LL PUT AN END TO HER SNOOP-ING...ONCE AND FOR ALL!
A BRAT! HOW'D HE GET HERE?
WHAM
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CATCH! YOU BIG PLUG-UGLY...
NO MARQUIS OF QUEENSBURY RULES FOR THIS SCRAP!
UNNK!
THAT'LL FIX YOU, YOU IMP!
NOW, I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU IN MY LABORATORY!
JUPITER! I'VE GOT TO GET TO THAT REFORMATORY IN A HURRY!
WHILE FAR OFF, THE WIZARD'S SUPER-BRAIN STIRRED BY ROY'S PREDICAMENT, SUMMONS UP A VISION...
HA, HA! YOUR YOUTH SHALL GROW DRAB AND AGE-WORN, JUST LIKE THE OTHERS!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT....
THE WIZARD! KEEP OUT, YOU!
BANG
BANG
SORRY, BOYS! YOUR PEA-SHOOTERS DON'T STOP ME!
THIS IS THE PLACE I SAW IN MY VISION! IF THAT MONSTER HARMED ROY...
WHY DO I HALT HERE? A CRY FOR HELP!.. IT'S CLAMORING AT MY BRAIN! WHO ELSE, CLOSE TO ME CAN BE IN DANGER?
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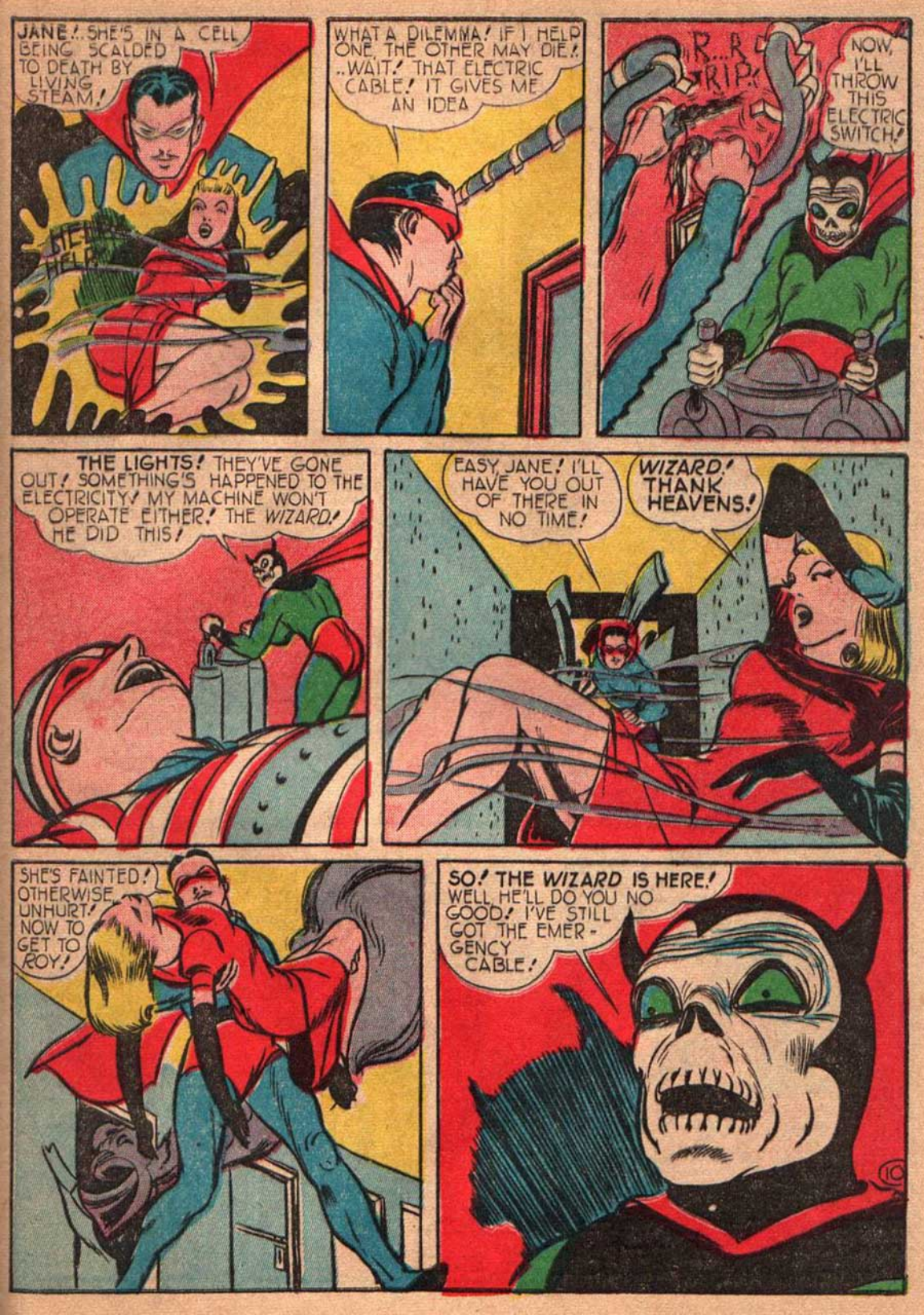
JANE!..SHE'S IN A CELL BEING SCALDED TO DEATH BY LIVING STEAM!
HELP! HELP!
WHAT A DILEMMA! IF I HELP ONE, THE OTHER MAY DIE!.. ..WAIT! THAT ELECTRIC CABLE! IT GIVES ME AN IDEA
R...R TRIP!
NOW, I'LL THROW THIS ELECTRIC SWITCH!
THE LIGHTS! THEY'VE GONE OUT! SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO THE ELECTRICITY! MY MACHINE WON'T OPERATE EITHER! THE WIZARD! HE DID THIS!
EASY JANE! I'LL HAVE YOU OUT OF THERE IN NO TIME!
WIZARD! THANK HEAVENS!
SHE'S FAINTED! OTHERWISE UNHURT! NOW TO GET TO ROY!
SO! THE WIZARD IS HERE! WELL HE'LL DO YOU NO GOOD! I'VE STILL GOT THE EMER-GENCY CABLE!

NO ONE CAN HELP YOU NOW! NO ONE, NOT EVEN THE WIZARD!
GUESS AGAIN FRANKENSTEIN!
FIRST I'LL GET ROY FREE OF YOUR GADGET! THEN, I'LL ATTEND TO YOU!
WIZARD! HE'S MAKIN' A RUN! FOR IT! LEMME HANDLE HIM!
GO TO IT, ROY!
UGH!
MAN O' MAN! WHAT I'M GOIN' TO DO TO YOU. WOW!
POW
SOCK
WHAM
BOP

LOOK WHAT CAME OFF, WIZARD!.. HOLY SMOKE! LOOK WHO IT IS!
WARDEN LEWIS!

I KIND OF EXPECTED AS MUCH! I CHECKED UP ON HIM ROY! HE USED TO BE A SCIENTIST AS WELL AS A CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST TEACHING AT A UNIVERSITY! HE MANAGED TO GET THIS JOB JUST BEFORE THE UNIVERSITY WAS ABOUT TO DISCHARGE HIM FOR CONDUCTING HARE-BRAINED EXPERIMENTS!

JUST THEN, JANE COMES RUNNING UP WITH THE GUARDS...
THERE'S THE BEAST-KILLER, GUARD! THE ONE WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF THOSE CHILDREN!
BUT WHY'D HE DO IT?..AND WHY THE COSTUME!

BECAUSE I TRIED TO PROVE THAT YOUTH CAN BE TRANSFUSED JUST LIKE BLOOD! I FAILED AT THE UNIVERSITY BECAUSE MY SUBJECTS HAD TO BE TERRIFIED BEFORE I EXPERIMENTED! THAT'S WHY I WORE THE COSTUME THIS TIME!

WIZARD! WAIT!
OKAY, THERE'S THE CONFESSION! IT'S YOURS FROM HERE ON!

LATER...
OH, THERE YOU ARE! YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF EXPLAINING, YOUNG MAN!..AND BLANE, TOO! WHERE IS HE?
C'MON! I'LL SHOW YOU!

OOO! SUCH A BEASTLY HEADACHE! I'VE BEEN IN BED ALL DAY!
I GIVE UP!..EVERYTIME I THINK I'VE GOT A CLUE AS TO WHO THE WIZARD REALLY IS, I FIND.. OH, WHAT'S THE USE!
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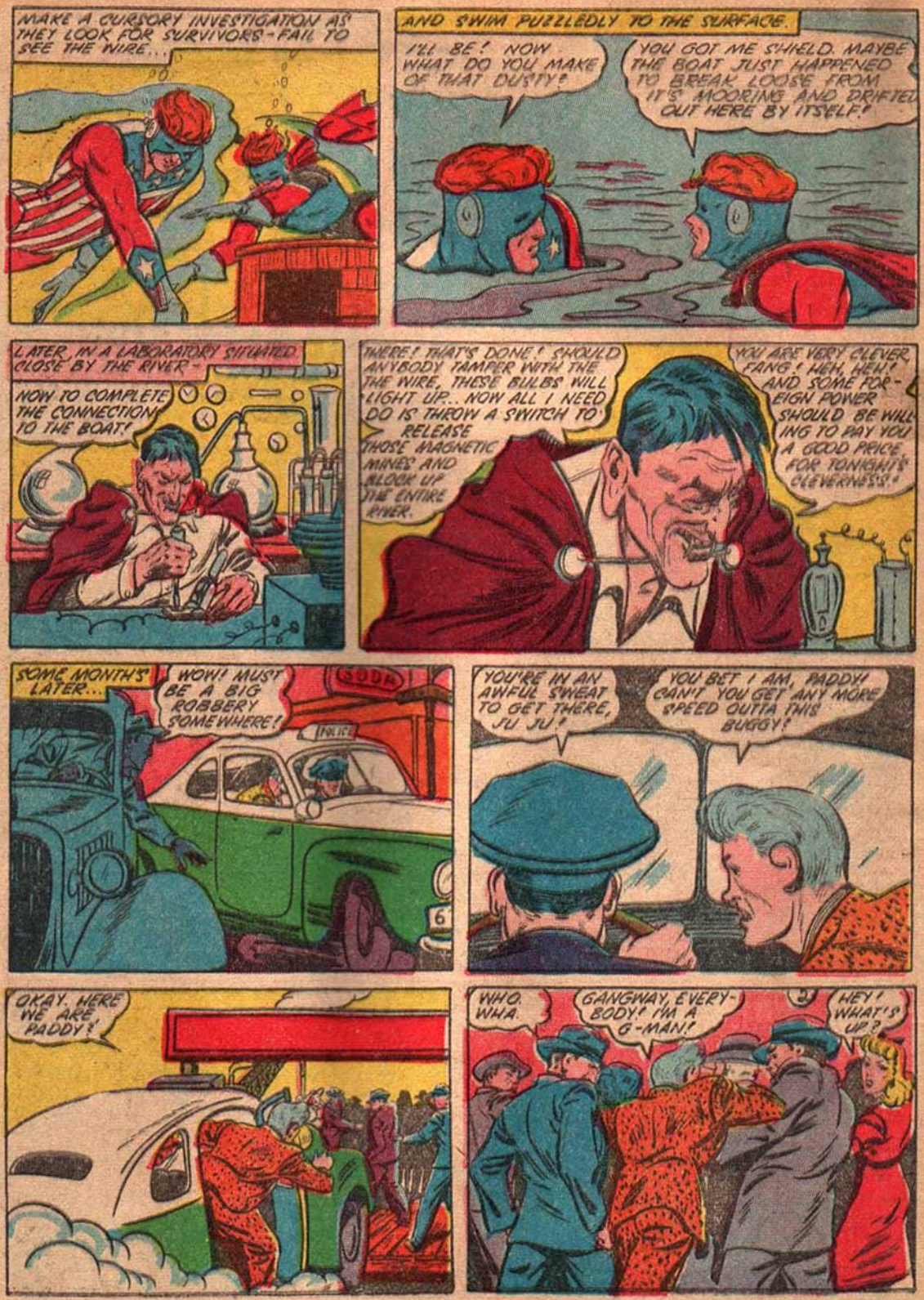
THE END

THE SHIELD
WITH DUSTY THE BOY DETECTIVE
S S DUSK LAYS A HEAVY PALL OVER THE MURKY WATERS OF THE HUDSON. A STRANGE SCENE OCCURS AS A WEIRD LOOKING FIGURE DELIBERATELY PULLS THE CALKS FROM HIS BOAT AND SINKS IT! THEN JUST AS THE BOAT IS ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR FROM SIGHT, THE SHIELD AND DUSTY, THE BOY DETECTIVE, WHO ARE WALKING ALONG A NEARBY BRIDGE, COME LEAPING TO THE RESCUE IN THE MISTAKEN BELIEF THAT IT IS AN ACCIDENTAL OCCURRENCE!
AS THE SUNKEN CRAFT SETTLES ON THE BOTTOM, THE WEIRD ONE DONS A DIVING HELMET AND WALKS TOWARD SHORE, STRINGING A WIRE ALONG WITH HIM!
THE SHIELD AND THE BOY DETECTIVE REACH THE SUNKEN SKIFF!


MAKE A CURSORY INVESTIGATION AS THEY LOOK FOR SURVIVORS - FAIL TO SEE THE WIRE...
AND SWIM PUZZLEDLY TO THE SURFACE.
I'LL BE! NOW WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THAT DUSTY?
YOU GOT ME SHIELD. MAYBE THE BOAT JUST HAPPENED TO BREAK LOOSE FROM IT'S MOORING AND DRIFTED OUT HERE BY ITSELF!
LATER, IN A LABORATORY SITUATED CLOSE BY THE RIVER -
NOW TO COMPLETE THE CONNECTION TO THE BOAT!
THERE! THAT'S DONE! SHOULD ANYBODY TAMPER WITH THE THE WIRE, THESE BULBS WILL LIGHT UP... NOW ALL I NEED DO IS THROW A SWITCH TO RELEASE THOSE MAGNETIC MINES AND BLOCK UP THE ENTIRE RIVER.
YOU ARE VERY CLEVER, FANG! HEH, HEH! AND SOME FOREIGN POWER SHOULD BE WILLING TO PAY YOU A GOOD PRICE FOR TONIGHT'S CLEVERNESS!
SOME MONTH'S LATER...
WOW! MUST BE A BIG ROBBERY SOMEWHERE!
SODA
POLICE
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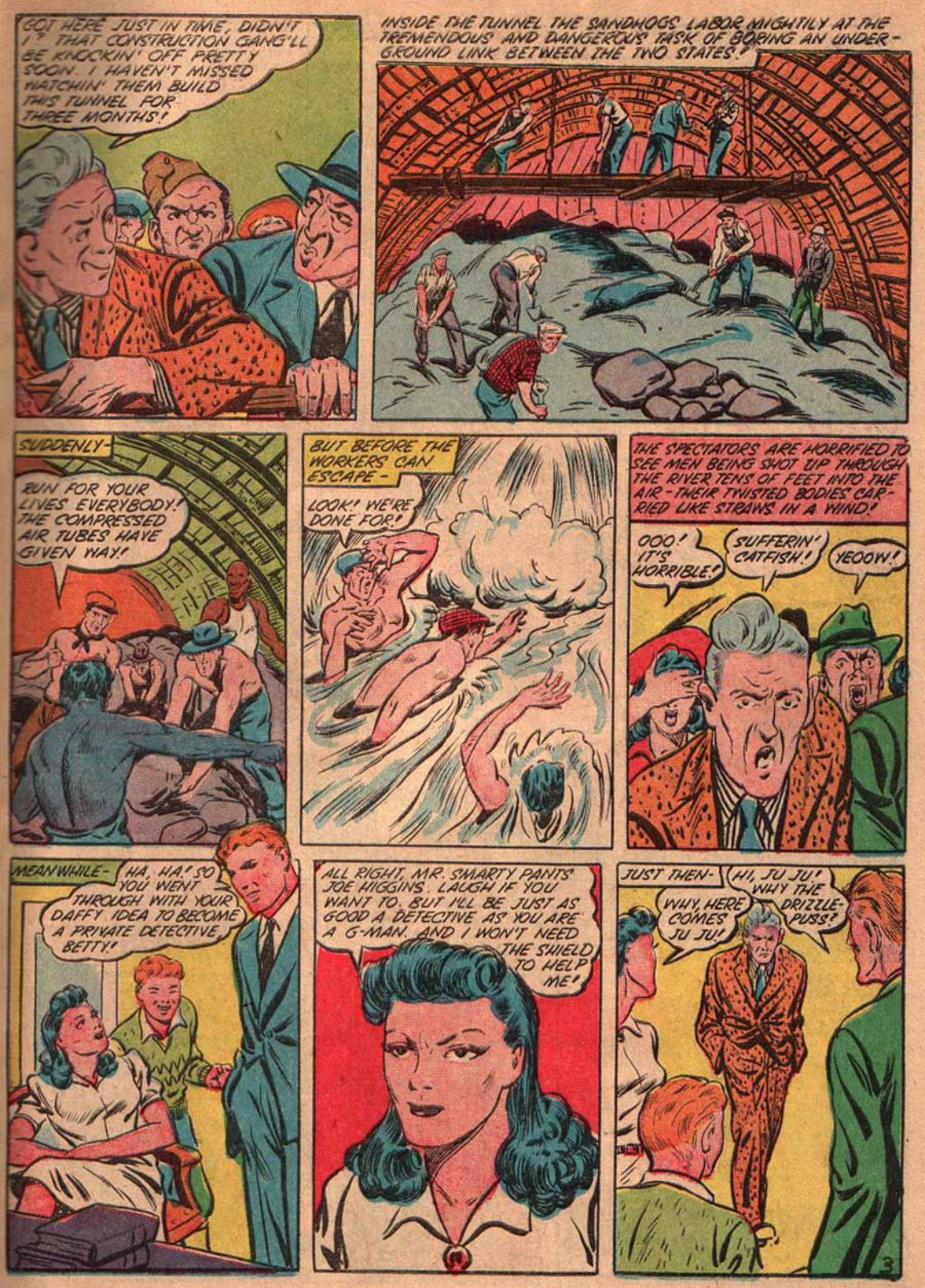
YOU'RE IN AN AWFUL SWEAT TO GET THERE, JU JU!
YOU BET I AM, PADDY! CAN'T YOU GET ANY MORE SPEED OUTTA THIS BUGGY?
OKAY. HERE WE ARE PADDY!
WHO. WHA.
GANGWAY, EVERYBODY! I'M A G-MAN!
HEY! WHAT'S UP?


GOT HERE JUST IN TIME, DIDN'T I? THAT CONSTRUCTION GANG'LL BE KNOCKIN' OFF PRETTY SOON. I HAVEN'T MISSED WATCHIN' THEM BUILD THIS TUNNEL FOR THREE MONTHS!
INSIDE THE TUNNEL THE SANDHOGS LABOR MIGHTILY AT THE TREMENDOUS AND DANGEROUS TASK OF BORING AN UNDER-GROUND LINK BETWEEN THE TWO STATES.
SUDDENLY-
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES EVERYBODY! THE COMPRESSED AIR TUBES HAVE GIVEN WAY!
BUT BEFORE THE WORKERS CAN ESCAPE-
LOOK! WE'RE DONE FOR!
THE SPECTATORS ARE HORRIFIED TO SEE MEN BEING SHOT UP THROUGH THE RIVER TENS OF FEET INTO THE AIR - THEIR TWISTED BODIES CARRIED LIKE STRAWS IN A WIND!
OOO! IT'S HORRIBLE!
SUFFERIN' CATFISH!
YEOOW!
MEANWHILE-
HA, HA! SO YOU WENT THROUGH WITH YOUR DAFFY IDEA TO BECOME A PRIVATE DETECTIVE, BETTY!
ALL RIGHT, MR. SMARTY PANTS JOE HIGGINS. LAUGH IF YOU WANT TO. BUT I'LL BE JUST AS GOOD A DETECTIVE AS YOU ARE A G-MAN. AND I WON'T NEED THE SHIELD TO HELP ME!
JUST THEN-
WHY, HERE COMES JU JU!
HI, JU JU! WHY THE DRIZZLE-PUSS?
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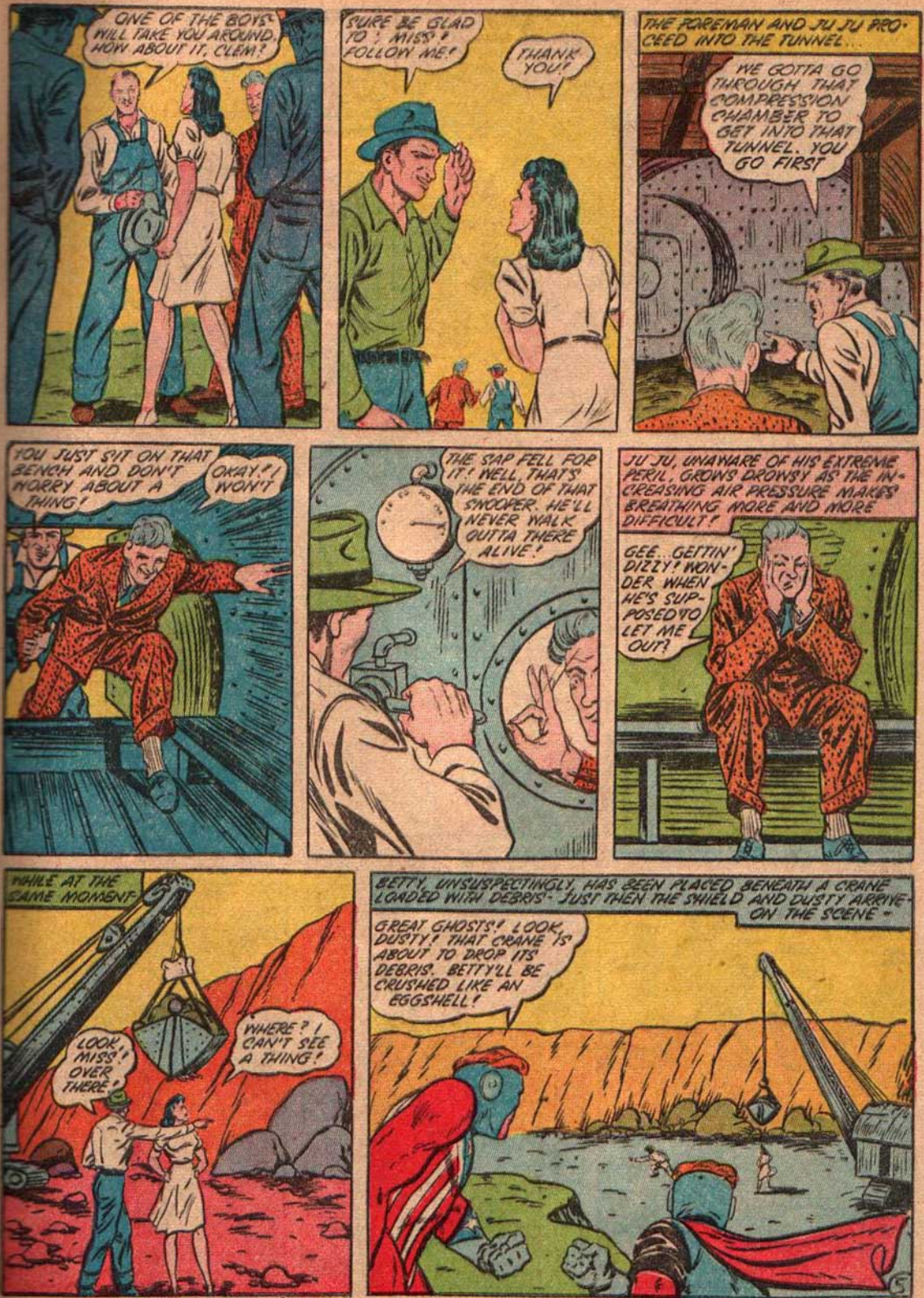
THOSE POOR SANDHOGS SURE HAVE THE TOUGH JOB. THIS IS THE THIRD BAD ACCIDENT THEY'VE HAD IN AS MANY MONTHS.
MAYBE OUR SUPER SLEUTH CAN SMELL OUT A SABOTEUR SOMEWHERE!
MAYBE I CAN AT THAT?
ANYWAY, I'M GOING RIGHTOUT AND TRY. COME ON WITH ME JU JU!
HEY, NOW WAIT A MINUTE, BETTY. I WAS ONLY KIDDING! CAN'T YOU TAKE A JOKE!
WHA...ER.. WELL. ALL RIGHT!
LOOKS LIKE THE JOKE WAS ON ME, EH, DUSTY? WELL, LET'S GO BACK TO MY OFFICE!
HA, HA. SHE SURE PULLED A FAST ONE O YOU JOE!
AS THEY ARRIVE AT THE OFFICE..
HELLO, MR. HIGGINS. I'VE BEEN WAITIN' FOR YOU QUITE A WHILE. YOUR DOOR WAS OPEN, SO I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF WALKING IN!
HMM! WELL WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
I'M FROM THE PORT AUTHORITY. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS ACCIDENTS ON OUR TUNNEL RECENTLY. WE SUSPECT SAB-OTAGE. WE PHONED WASHINGTON AND THEY REFERRED ME TO YOU!
GREAT GUNS, BETTY'S WILD HUNCH WAS RIGHT! C'MON DUSTY, LET'S GET DOWN THERE AFTER HER BEFORE SHE GETS HERSELF INTO A PECK OF TROUBLE!
HEY!
AT THE CONSTRUCTION GROUNDS...
I'M A G-MAN, SEE! HOW'S ABOUT SHOWIN' US AROUND?
THE FOREMAN SIGNALS SECRETLY TO A COUPLE OF MEN, NEARBY.
SURE. BE GLAD TO. ONLY, IT'S A COMPANY RULE THAT WOMEN AREN'T ALLOWED IN THE TUNNEL!
WELL I'LL LOOK AROUND UP HERE THEN!


ONE OF THE BOYS WILL TAKE YOU AROUND. HOW ABOUT IT, CLEM?
SURE BE GLAD TO, MISS! FOLLOW ME!
THANK YOU!
THE FOREMAN AND JU JU PROCEED INTO THE TUNNEL...
WE GOTTA GO THROUGH THAT COMPRESSION CHAMBER TO GET INTO THAT TUNNEL. YOU GO FIRST
YOU JUST SIT ON THAT BENCH AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING!
OKAY, I WON'T
THE SAP FELL FOR IT! WELL, THAT'S THE END OF THAT SNOOPER. HE'LL NEVER WALK OUTTA THERE ALIVE!
JU JU, UNAWARE OF HIS EXTREME PERIL, GROWS DROWSY AS THE INCREASING AIR PRESSURE MAKES BREATHING MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT!
GEE... GETTIN' DIZZY! WONDER WHEN HE'S SUPPOSED TO LET ME OUT!
WHILE AT THE SAME MOMENT-
LOOK, MISS! OVER THERE!
WHERE? I CAN'T SEE A THING!
BETTY, UNSUSPECTINGLY, HAS BEEN PLACED BENEATH A CRANE LOADED WITH DEBRIS- JUST THEN THE SHIELD AND DUSTY ARRIVE ON THE SCENE-
GREAT GHOSTS! LOOK, DUSTY! THAT CRANE IS ABOUT TO DROP ITS DEBRIS. BETTY'LL BE CRUSHED LIKE AN EGGSHELL!
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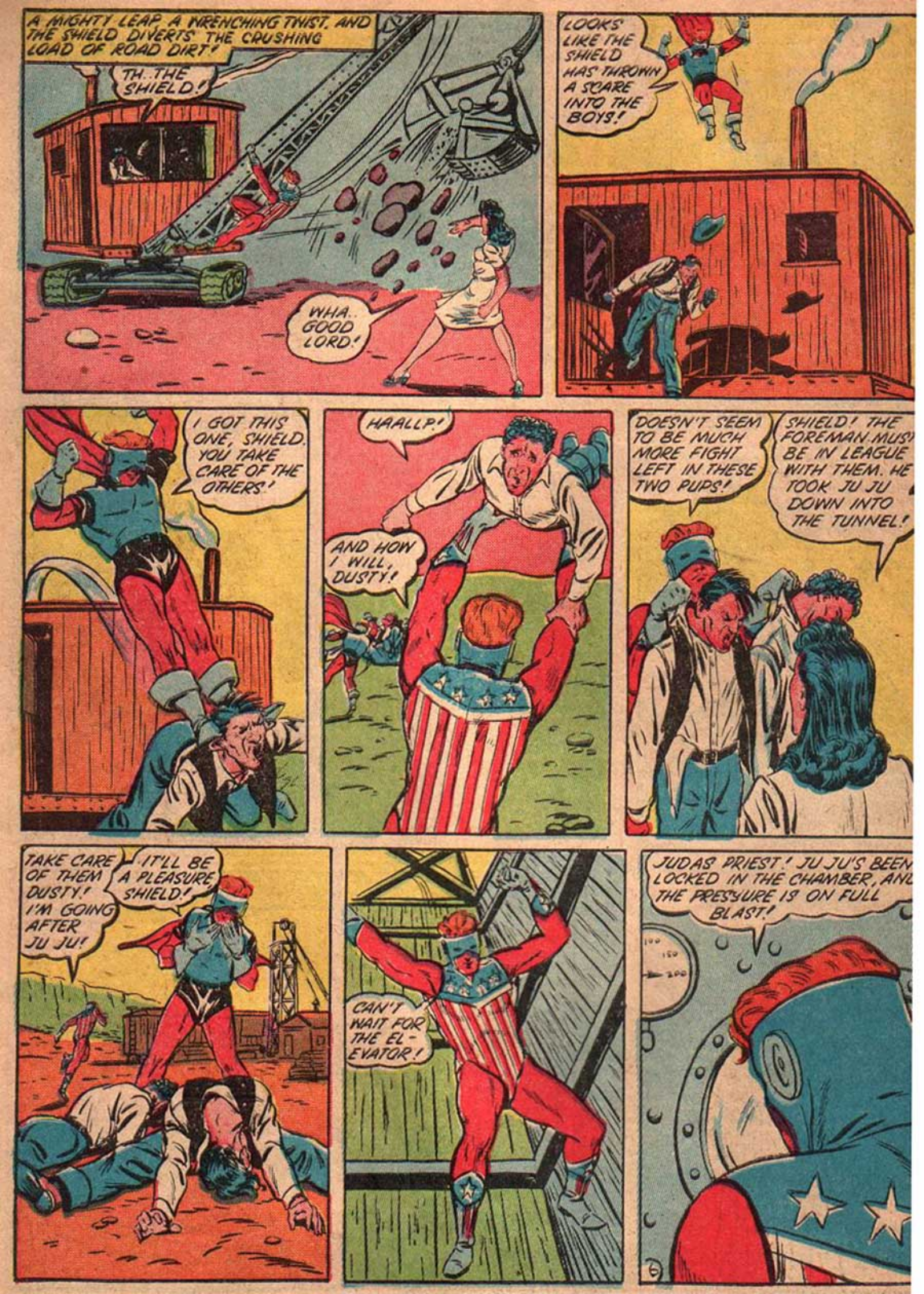

A MIGHTY LEAP, A WRENCHING TWIST, AND THE SHIELD DIVERTS THE CRUSHING LOAD OF ROAD DIRT!
TH..THE SHIELD!
WHA.. GOOD LORD!
LOOKS LIKE THE SHIELD HAS THROWN A SCARE INTO THE BOYS!
I GOT THIS ONE, SHIELD. YOU TAKE CARE OF THE OTHERS!
HAALLP!
AND HOW I WILL, DUSTY!
DOESN'T SEEM TO BE MUCH MORE FIGHT LEFT IN THESE TWO PUPS!
SHIELD! THE FOREMAN MUST BE IN LEAGUE WITH THEM. HE TOOK JU JU DOWN INTO THE TUNNEL!
TAKE CARE OF THEM DUSTY! I'M GOING AFTER JU JU!
IT'LL BE A PLEASURE SHIELD!
CAN'T WAIT FOR THE EL-EVATOR!
JUDAS PRIEST! JU JU'S BEEN LOCKED IN THE CHAMBER, AND THE PRESSURE IS ON FULL BLAST!

THE SHIELD RIPS THE HUGE DOOR OFF IT'S HINGES AS THOUGH IT WERE A TOY!
HE'S OUT COLD! BUT HE'S STILL BREATHING! HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT AS SOON AS HIS BLOOD PRESSURE READJUSTS ITSELF TO NORMAL!
THE CONSTRUCTION FOREMAN HASTILY PROCEEDS TO THE LABORATORY OF HIS MASTER, FANG
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
THE G-MEN ARE WISE TO US, FANG!
FIRST IT WAS A GUY NAMED WATSON, WITH SOME DAME BETTY WARREN. THEN IT WAS THE SHIELD HIMSELF AND THAT BOY DETECTIVE OF HIS!
WHAT!
YOU BLUNDERING FOOL! WHY DIDN'T YOU REPORT TO ME IMMEDIATELY INSTEAD OF USING YOUR OWN STUPID BRAIN!
ARGH!
YOU HAVE OUTLIVED YOUR USEFULNESS TO FANG - YOU DIE!
WHEN BETTY AND JU JU RETURN.
WELL, WELL, THE SUPER-SLEUTHS THEMSELVES.. MAKE ANY ARRESTS YET?
IT REALLY IS SABOTAGE, JOE! THE SHIELD RESCUED ME AND JU JU AND CAUGHT A COUPLE OF SABOTEURS WHO DIDN'T KNOW MUCH EXCEPT THAT THEY'RE TAKING ORDERS FROM AN INGENIOUS MONSTER CALLED FANG!
FANG? GOOD LORD! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN HE WAS BEHIND THIS!

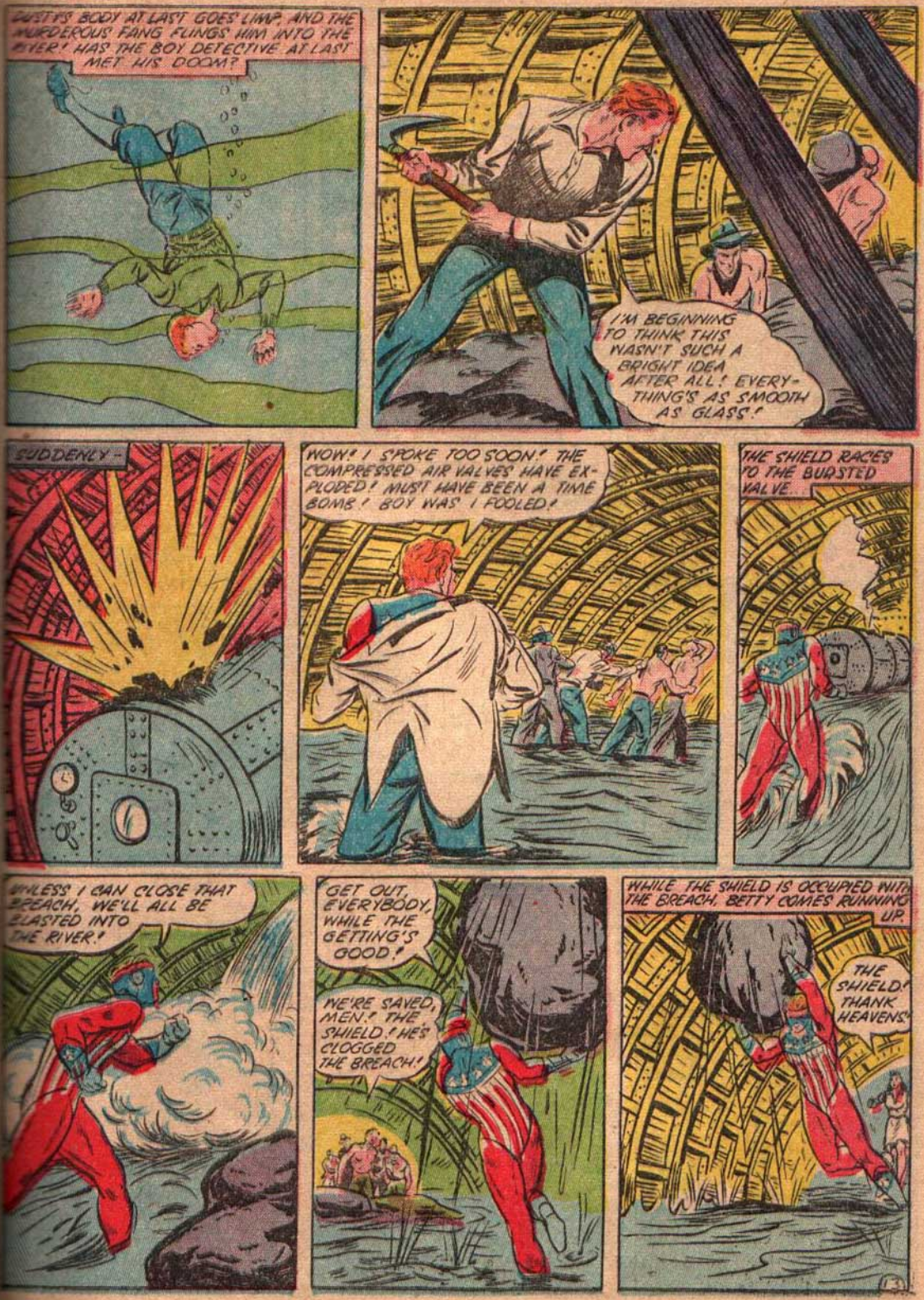
MAYBE IF I WENT DOWN INTO THE TUNNEL DISGUISED AS A SAND-HOG, I MIGHT LEARN THE WHEREABOUTS OF FANG. ANY-WAY, I'M HANDLING IT FROM HERE ON, BETTY!
AH, NUTS! YOU'RE AL-WAYS MAKIN' PLANS WITH-OUT ME, JOE! ANY-BODY'D THINK I WUZN'T A G-MAN!
WAIT A MINUTE! I GOT A PLAN O' MY OWN! I'M GONNA RUN RIGHT OVER TO MY GIRL FRIEND MAMIE! SHE KIN HELP ME!
HIYA, MAMIE! I GOT SOMETHIN' IMPORTANT TO TELL YA!
OH, YOU MEAN YOU GOT FIFI, HERE, THAT NEW HAIR RIBBON
NOW...UH-GLUP WILL YA TAKE THAT POOCH OUTTA MY MOUTH?
OH, JU JU? FIFI'S JUST TRYIN' TO THANK YOU-AREN'T YOU, FIFI?
PHHTTT? NEXT TIME YOU MAKE ME KISS 'AT HOUND, I'M GON-NA WRING HIS NECK...'N YOURS TOO! NOW LISTEN TO ME FER A CHANGE, WILL YA?
...'N SO I FIGURE THAT THE FOREIGN CONSUL IS TIED UP WITH ANY SABOTAGE GOIN' ON. NOW, YOU'RE A CLASSY LOOKIN' DAME, MAMIE. 'N MAYBE IF YOU FLIRTED WITH HIM, YA MIGHT BEABLE TO FIND OUT SOMETHIN'!
OH GOODY! THAT'LL BE FUN! LET'S GO JU JU!
WELL, HERE WE ARE AT THE FOREIGN CONSUL'S OFFICE! LOOK, THERE HE IS COMIN' OUT RIGHT NOW. OKAY, KID. DO YOUR STUFF!

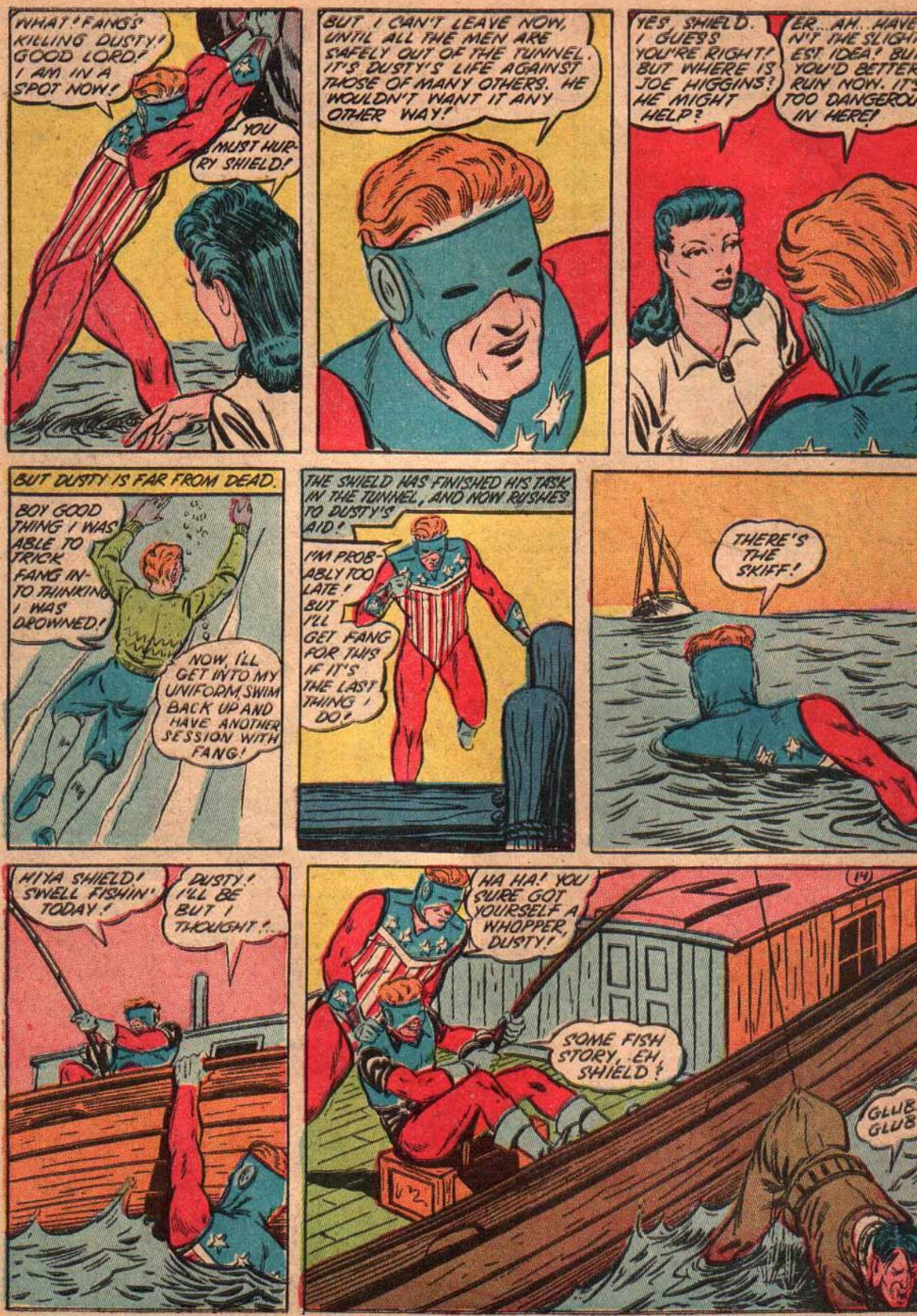
DROPPIN' MY HANDKERCHIEF ALWAYS GETS 'EM!
ER...AHEM... YOU DROPPED THIS, MY DEAR! HARRUMMPH- OUT TAKING A LITTLE WALK?
IT WORKED AGAIN!
WELL, NOT EXACTLY! I WUZ JUST GOIN' DOWN TO THE DRUGSTORE FOR A BITE TO EAT!
WHAT A COINCIDENCE! I WAS JUST GOING OUT FOR LUNCH MYSELF! WON'T YOU JOIN ME?
AH! HERE WE ARE! A NICE COZY LITTLE CORNER!
TEE HEE! YOU'RE SO CUTE!
HMM! MAMIE'S MAKIN' TIME ALL RIGHT, WITH THAT GINK! JUST BE- CAUSE I LET HER FLIRT DON'T MEAN SHE'S GOTTA ENJOY IT!
WHAT IN...SHE JUST LET THAT GUY KISS HER. THIS IS TOO MUCH! I'M PUTTIN' A STOP TO IT RIGHT NOW!
LOOK, YOU! I TOLD YOU TO SQUEEZE SOME INFOR - MATION OUTTA HIM. SO FAR HE'S DONE ALL THE SQUEEZIN'!
BUT JU JU!
WHAT!
YOU'RE JUST A JEALOUS OLD MEANIE. AND I'M NEVER GONNA HELP YOU AGAIN! SO THERE!
AW NOW, WAIT, MAMIE. I...
POLICE! HELP! EXTORTIONISTS! BLACKMAILERS!
ARE YA OFF YER NUT! SHUT UP WILL YA! I'M NO BLACKMAILER!

I'M VON KURTNER THE FOREIGN CONSUL! THESE TWO ARE TRYING TO BLACKMAIL ME. I DEMAND THEIR ARREST!
NOW WAIT A MINUTE! I'M A G-MAN, I TELL YOU- LOOK! HERE'S MY BADGE!
SURE! IT'S A G-MAN BADGE, ALL RIGHT- PROBABLY FROM THE FIVE AND TEN!.. C'MON WITH US, YOU TWO AND NO TROUBLE. WE'VE HANDLED YOU CON GUYS BEFORE!
LATER-
A KNOCK AT MY DOOR!
VON KURTNER! WHAT IS IT? TROUBLE?
PLENTY OF TROUBLE, FANG! THESE AMERICAN G-MEN ARE INFERNALLY CLEVER!
KURTNER TELLS FANG OF THE INCIDENT-
AND SO BEFORE THEY ARRESTED HIM, I FOUND OUT THAT THERE IS ANOTHER G-MAN DOWN IN THE TUNNEL DISGUISED AS A SANDHOG!
TOO BAD- FOR HIM! THE TIME BOMBS ARE ALREADY PLACED IN THE TUNNEL. WE SHALL KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!
HMM? I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT! AND THEN WE SHALL DEAL WITH THE OTHER TWO!
WHILE IN THE TUNNEL-
WELL, HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY THING YET- EXCEPT CALLOUSES ON MY HAND.
BACK IN BETTY'S OFFICE-
I STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY ANYBODY WOULD WANT TO SABOTAGE A TUNNEL, DUSTY. IT ISN'T AS THOUGH A FOREIGN POWER COULD GAIN ANY MILITARY ADVANTAGE FROM IT!

MAYBE IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE BURIED TREASURE, BETTY. I LIKE THIS STORY I'M READIN' IN THIS COMIC MAGAZINE!
BURIED TREASURE! THAT MAY NOT BE AS SILLY AS IT SOUNDS!
IF SOMEONE KNEW OF TREASURE BURIED UNDER THE RIVER, JUST WHERE THE TUNNEL WAS BUILT... SAY, THAT MAKES SENSE, DOESN'T IT, DUSTY?
SURE! AND NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I REMEMBER, QUITE A WHILE AGO, WHEN ME AND ER... JOE, SAW AN EMPTY BOAT SINK RIGHT ABOUT WHERE THE TUNNEL IS BEING BUILT!
COME ON, DUSTY! WE MAY HAVE SOMETHING. TAKE ME TO WHERE YOU SAW THAT BOAT!
OKAY, BETTY!
BETTY AND DUSTY REACH THE RIVER-FRONT, AND -
DO YOU HAVE A BOAT AND SOME DIVING EQUIPMENT TO HIRE?
YES, MAM.!
BAIT SHOP
HERE'S THE PLACE, BETTY! RIGHT UNDER THIS BRIDGE!
THE DIVER DESCENDS TO THE RIVER BOTTOM!
KNEW THOSE TWO WERE GOOFS! BURIED TREASURE, HAW! NUTHIN' BUT AN EMPTY SHIP!
AS THE DIVER'S FOOT STEPS ON THE WIRE...
A WARNING IS TRANSMITTED TO FANG IN HIS LABORATORY!
THE BULBS ARE LIGHTING! SOMEBODY'S MEDDLING WITH MY MINES!

I'LL SOON PUT A STOP TO THAT!
THE DIVER CONTINUES HIS INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE SHIP'S HOLD, AND SEES-
BALLS OF FIRE! MINES!
UNNOTICED, ANOTHER HELMETED FIGURE SNEAKS UP BEHIND THE DIVER, AND-
HE'S JERKING THE LIFE LINE. THAT MEANS HE WANTS TO COME UP!
WONDER IF HE FOUND SOMETHING, DUSTY?
WE'LL SOON KNOW.
YES! YOU'VE FOUND SOMETHING! TOO MUCH -FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!
EEEK! DUSTY, LOOK!
SUFFERIN CATFISH! IT'S FANGS! BUT HOW..
YHA..
WELL, YOU SURPRISED ME, NOW IT'S MY TURN TO SURPRISE YOU! HOW'S THAT?
OOF!
TAKE THAT, YOU IMP!
I MUST GET TO JOE FOR HELP! HE'LL KILL DUSTY!
DIE, YOU CURSED BRAT! DIE!
GLUG... GLUG...


DUST'S BODY AT LAST GOES LIMP, AND THE MURDEROUS FANG FLINGS HIM INTO THE RIVER! HAS THE BOY DETECTIVE AT LAST MET HIS DOOM?
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THIS WASN'T SUCH A BRIGHT IDEA AFTER ALL! EVERYTHING'S AS SMOOTH AS GLASS!
SUDDENLY -
WOW! I SPOKE TOO SOON! THE COMPRESSED AIR VALVES HAVE EXPLODED! MUST HAVE BEEN A TIME BOMB! BOY WAS I FOOLED!
THE SHIELD RACES TO THE BURSTED VALVE.
UNLESS I CAN CLOSE THAT BREACH, WE'LL ALL BE BLASTED INTO THE RIVER!
GET OUT, EVERYBODY, WHILE THE GETTING'S GOOD!
WE'RE SAVED, MEN! THE SHIELD! HE'S CLOGGED THE BREACH!
WHILE THE SHIELD IS OCCUPIED WITH THE BREACH, BETTY COMES RUNNING UP.
THE SHIELD! THANK HEAVENS!


WHAT! FANGS KILLING DUSTY! GOOD LORD! I AM IN A SPOT NOW!
YOU MUST HURRY SHIELD!
BUT I CAN'T LEAVE NOW, UNTIL ALL THE MEN ARE SAFELY OUT OF THE TUNNEL. IT'S DUSTY'S LIFE AGAINST THOSE OF MANY OTHERS. HE WOULDN'T WANT IT ANY OTHER WAY!
YES, SHIELD. I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! BUT WHERE IS JOE HIGGINS? HE MIGHT HELP?
ER...AH...HAVE N'T THE SLIGHT EST IDEA! BU YOU'D BETTER RUN NOW. IT' TOO DANGEROU IN HERE!
BUT DUSTY IS FAR FROM DEAD.
BOY GOOD THING I WAS ABLE TO TRICK FANG IN- TO THINKING I WAS DROWNED!
NOW, I'LL GET INTO MY UNIFORM, SWIM BACK UP AND HAVE ANOTHER SESSION WITH FANG!
THE SHIELD HAS FINISHED HIS TASK IN THE TUNNEL, AND NOW RUSHES TO DUSTY'S AID!
I'M PROB- ABLY TOO LATE! BUT I'LL GET FANG FOR THIS IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!
THERE'S THE SKIFF!
HIYA SHIELD! SWELL FISHIN' TODAY!
DUSTY! I'LL BE BUT I THOUGHT!...
HA HA! YOU SURE GOT YOURSELF A WHOPPER, DUSTY!
SOME FISH STORY, EH, SHIELD?
GLUB GLUB
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WELL FANG, YOUR NUMBERS UP! WITH ALL THE CRIMES I CAN PIN ON YOU YOU'RE A SURE SHOT FOR THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!
LATER-
IT WAS YOUR FAULT, JU JU!
AH NUTS! YOU DAMES CAN'T BE TRUSTED!
I'M ALMOST AFRAID TO GET THEM OUT, DUSTY. THEY'LL BE AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS!
HA! HA!
WELL, YOU'RE A FREE MAN, JU JU! THE SHIELD DISCOVERED THE WHOLE PLOT BETWEEN THE FOREIGN CONSUL AND FANG!... SAY HOW DID YOU EVER GET ON TO THAT FOREIGN CONSUL ANYWAY?
I WAS WISE ALL ALONG. NOBODY CATCHES JU JU NAPTSON ASLEEP! ER... AH... WHAT WUZ IT THEY WERE TRYING TO DO? I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO FIGURE THAT OUT, YET!
FANG HAD THE HUDSON RIVER MINED AND THEN IF OUR COUNTRY WENT TO WAR, HE COULD RELEASE THEM... WE HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO SWEEP THE RIVER FREE, YET!
WELL C'MON! LET'S DO IT NOW!
OKAY! THIS IS THE SPOT WE START SWEEPIN' FER THOSE MINES! LET'S GO!
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THE RIVER IS SOON SWEPT CLEAR OF FANG'S MINES!
WELL MR. WATSON, WE CERTAINLY HAVE TO HAND IT TO YOU G-MEN. YOU SURE SAVE THIS COUNTRY PLENTY OF HEADACHES!
OF COURSE THE SHIELD HELPED A LITTLE DIDN'T HE JU JU?
IN A SMALL WAY, YEAH -HE WAS JUST DOIN' WHAT I TOLD HIM!
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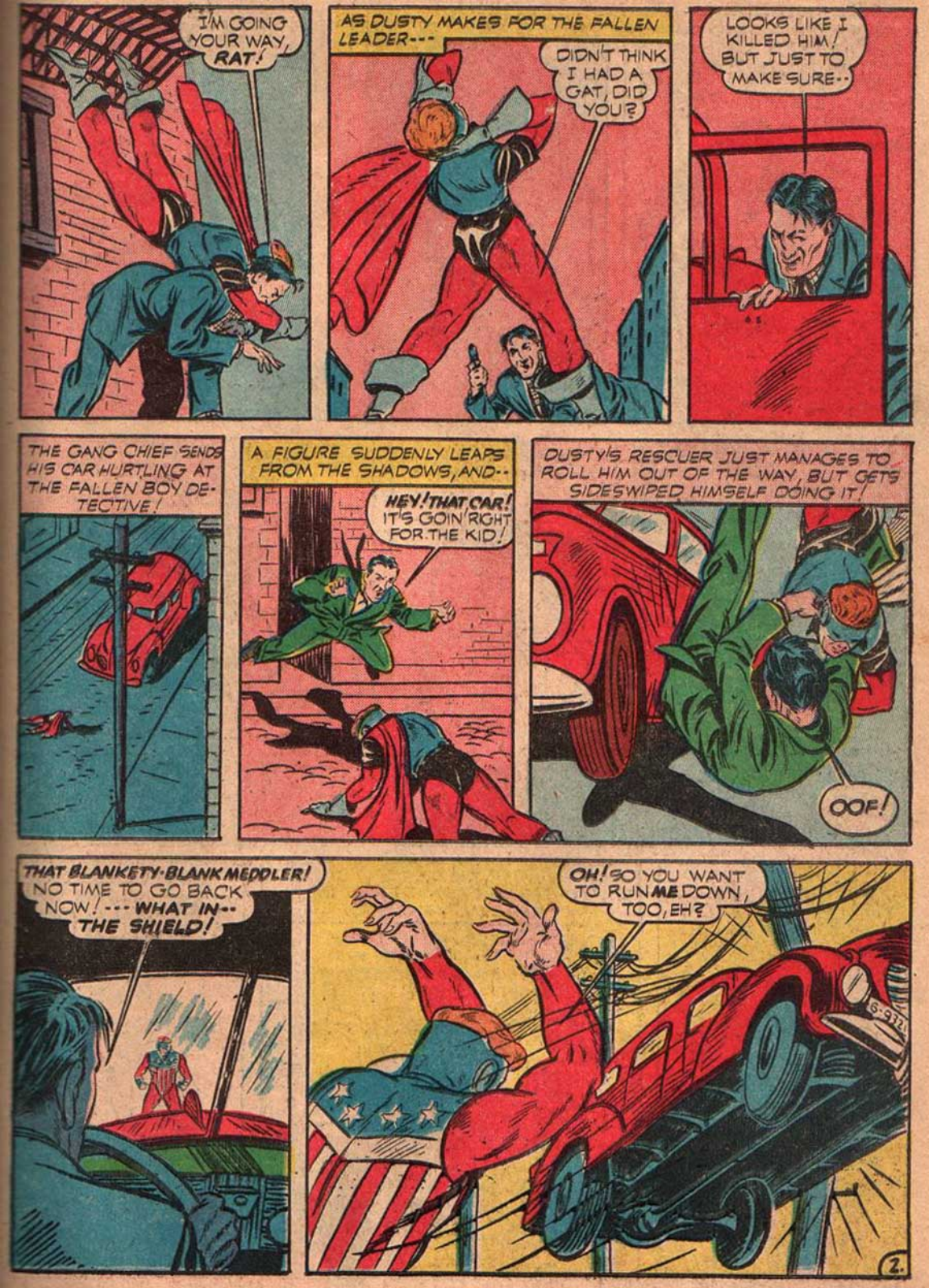
DON'T RELAX YET, GANG. THE SHIELD'S NOT THROUGH WITH YOU, YET. NOT BY A LONG SHOT! JUST READ ON AND SEE WHAT WE MEAN... AND DON'T SAY WE DIDN'T WARN YOU!

THICK DARKNESS VEILS A SLUMBERING CITY AND THE RODENT OF SOCIETY, THE CRIMINAL, FARES FORTH TO HIS NEFARIOUS TASK OF MURDER AND PLUNDER! BUT AS EVER, THAT INSEPARABLE DUO, SOCIETY'S WATCHDOGS, THE SHIELD AND DUSTY, THE BOY DETECTIVE, APPEAR ON THE SCENE, AND - - - - -
THE ONE AND ONLY
SHIELD
WITH
DUSTY
THE SPECTACULAR BOY DETECTIVE
JEWELERY
NICE GOING, DUSTY!
YOU'RE NOT DOING SO BADLY, YOURSELF, SHIELD!
OH, OH! THERE GOES THE LEADER!
IF I CAN ONLY GET TO MY CAR, I'LL MAKE A GETAWAY!


I'M GOING YOUR WAY, RAT!
AS DUSTY MAKES FOR THE FALLEN LEADER---
DIDN'T THINK I HAD A GAT, DID YOU?
LOOKS LIKE I KILLED HIM! BUT JUST TO MAKE SURE--
THE GANG CHIEF SENDS HIS CAR HURTLING AT THE FALLEN BOY DETECTIVE!
A FIGURE SUDDENLY LEAPS FROM THE SHADOWS, AND--
HEY! THAT CAR! IT'S GOIN' RIGHT FOR THE KID!
DUSTY'S RESCUER JUST MANAGES TO ROLL HIM OUT OF THE WAY, BUT GETS SIDESWIPED HIMSELF DOING IT!
OOF!
THAT BLANKETY-BLANK MEDDLER! NO TIME TO GO BACK NOW! --- WHAT IN-- THE SHIELD!
OH! SO YOU WANT TO RUN ME DOWN, TOO, EH?
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HERE, KID! TAKE A SWIG OF THIS! IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER!
NO THANKS! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT.. NOW!
THANKS FOR RESCUING MY PAL!
THAT'S OKAY!
HERE'S YOUR PAPER! YOU DROPPED IT!
HEY! WHAT'S THIS? THIS PICTURE! IT'S YOU!
WANTED
JOHN FRAZER ESCAPED CONVICT STILL AT LARGE
ALL RIGHT! YOU WON'T BELIEVE MY STORY ANYWAY! GO ON---TURN ME IN!
YOU LOOK FEVERISH! I BETTER GET YOU TO A HOSPITAL!
B--BUT, SHIELD!
OH! I GET IT, NOW! GEE, I THINK IT WAS SWELL OF YOU, SHIELD!
MAYBE I DID THE WRONG THING! BUT AFTER WHAT HE DID FOR YOU, AND---WELL-- IT'S DONE, NOW!
MONTHS LATER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. GATHERS HIS CABINET TOGETHER IN AN EMERGENCY MEETING!
GENTLEMEN, I NEED NOT TELL YOU HOW IMPORTANT TO OUR DEFENSE IS THE PANAMA CANAL! TO INSURE GREATER SAFETY WE ARE BUILDING ANOTHER SET OF LOCKS!
THEREFORE I HAVE CALLED ON JOE HIGGINS WHO IN TURN WILL CONTACT THE SHIELD, THE ONE MAN IN THE U.S. WE CAN DEPEND UPON!

I AM ALWAYS AT THE DISPOSAL OF MY COUNTRY, MR. PRESIDENT!
WE ARE BOTH SERVANTS OF OUR PEOPLE, MR. HIGGINS!
NEXT DAY--
YOU WILL ASK THE SHIELD TO GO TO THE CANAL ZONE AT ONCE. I HAVE WIRED AHEAD THAT HE IS TO BE IN FULL CHARGE! I PRESUME YOU'LL GO ALONG WITH HIM!
YES, MR. PRESIDENT I--ER--AM A CONSTANT COMPANION OF HIS
THE SHIELD WASTES NO TIME AND SOON A SPECIAL PLANE CARRIES HIM TO PANAMA!
WELL, IT WON'T BE LONG, NOW, DUSTY! WE'LL SOON BE AT THE CANAL!
GEE, THIS IS THE BIGGEST JOB WE'VE EVER BEEN ON, HUH, JOE?
WHILE BACK IN THE F.B.I. OFFICE IN WASHINGTON--
HOW D'YA LIKE THAT-- SENDIN' THE SHIELD ON THAT JOB INSTEAD OF ME!
BUT JU-JU, I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT I, JU JU WATSON, REALLY CLEANED UP EVERY CASE THE SHIELD'S BEEN ON! I'M GOIN' DOWN TO PANAMA MYSELF TO HANDLE THIS JOB!
THE PLANE REACHES IT'S DESTINATION AND NOSES DOWNWARD!
AS JOE AND DUSTY MAKE THEIR WAY ON FOOT TO CONSTRUCTION HEADQUARTERS--
CELESTE! PLEAS-A, WE MUST GET-A BACK TO CAMP!
CAN I HELP, OLD-TIMER?
HA, HA! LOOK, JOE, THAT POOR OLD GUY SEEMS TO BE HAVING HIS TROUBLES!
HOW YOU CAN-A HELP? IF CELESTE DON'T MOVE FOR PANCHO, SHE DON'T MOVE FOR ANYBODY!
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JOE SLAPS THE BURRO GENTLY, AND---
MOVE, CELESTE!
N-N-Y-Y-E-E-E-
CELESTE! STOP! WAIT-A FOR PANCHO!
HA,HA! FIRST HE COULDN'T GET HER TO MOVE! NOW HE CAN'T STOP HER!
THE DUO ARRIVE AT HEADQUARTERS----
CAPTAIN CRAWFORD? IM'MR HIGGI. S I'M REPORTING FOR DUTY ON BEHALF OF THE SHIELD
DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU! YOU GOT HERE SOONER THAN WE EXPECTED! COME--I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND!
THIS IS WHERE OUR REGULAR LOCKS ARE! FURTHER UP IN THE HILLS IS WHERE WE'RE BUILDING THE NEW LOCKS! WE TRANSPORT MATERIALS FROM HERE!
CAPTAIN CRAWFORD! WHAT'S THAT DANGER SIGN OVER THERE FOR?
DANGER
WHY, THAT'S WHERE WE STORE OUR DYNAMITE! COME ALONG, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET THE DYNAMITE FOREMAN! HE'S A SPLENDID CHAP!
THERE HE IS! OH, MR. LAYDEN!
GREAT SCOT! IT'S THE GUY WHO SAVED... ER.... THE BOY DETECTIVE
WHY, YOU SEEM TO KNOW EACH OTHER ALREADY!

SO THE SHIELD TOLD YOU ABOUT ME, EH? ALL RIGHT! GO ON AND TELL. HE DOESNT OWE ME ANYTHING. HE GAVE ME A BREAK AND EVENED THE SCORE!
TELL ME WHAT, HIGGINS
WHY--ER--I SUPPOSE ER--LAYDEN IS REFERRING TO THE QUARREL WE ONCE HAD ABOUT SOMETHING UNIMPORTANT! BUT YOU'RE RIGHT--HE IS A SPLENDID CHAP!
YA SEE, PAL! THE SHIELD AND HIS KID FRIEND TOLD US THEY THOUGHT YOU WERE ALL RIGHT SO WE THINK SO, TOO!
ER--THANKS!
WHEW! WHAT A SWELL PAIR OF GUYS THEY ARE!
YOU KNOW DUSTY! THAT DYNAMITE JOB IS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE! AND WE REALLY DON'T KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT FRAZER--THAT IS--LAYDEN!
I KNOW, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT GUY I LIKE--AND SO DO YOU!
THAT NIGHT A FIGURE STEALS OVER TO THE DYNAMITE SHACKS, AND ...
BOOM!
HOLY HANNAH! TROUBLE ALREADY!
LAYDEN! HOW'D IT HAPPEN?
I DON'T KNOW! I JUST GOT HERE MYSELF!
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WELL, LET'S SEPARATE AND INVESTIGATE!
ALL RIGHT HIGGINS! I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIND ANYTHING BY THE SHACK THAT WAS BLOWN UP!
AS LAYDEN SEARCHES ABOUT, A FIGURE MOVES TOWARD HIM FROM THE SHADOWS!
GREAT HEAVENS! YOU-- RICHARD!
HELLO, JOHN! YOU DON'T SEEM GLAD TO SEE YOUR TWIN BROTHER!
YES! I CAUSED THE BLAST AND I'M BEIN' PAID BY A FOREIGN POWER TO DO A LOT MORE DAMAGE! HOW ABOUT TEAMING UP? WE CAN MAKE A FORTUNE!
YOU DIRTY---! I TOOK THE RAP FOR YOU ONCE BECAUSE I PROMISED MOTHER WHEN SHE DIED THAT I'D LOOK AFTER YOU! BUT I'M THROUGH! NOW GET OUT, BEFORE I---
SO THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT! OKAY BY ME!
WELL HIGGINS, I'M--ER--CONVINCED THE BLAST WAS--ER--AN ACCIDENT!
HMM! I SUPPOSE YOU OUGHT TO KNOW!
OKAY! I'LL MAKE OUT A COMPLETE REPORT TOMORROW! GOOD NIGHT!
GOOD NIGHT!
DUSTY! THAT EXPLOSION WAS NO ACCIDENT! THOSE FRESH FOOTPRINTS CONVINCED ME OF THAT! I THINK I MADE A BIG MISTAKE WITH THAT GUY!
WELL, I DON'T! I STILL TRUST HIM! I'M GOING BACK AND HAVE IT OUT WITH HIM, JOE!
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WHILE, IN FRAZER'S CABIN---
WHAT WILL I DO? I KNOW IT'S MY DUTY TO REPORT THE TRUE FACTS, BUT HE IS MY BROTHER, AND I DID MAKE MOTHER A PROMISE!
JUST THEN--
HIYA, BUD!
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
YOUR BROTHER SENT ME! HE SAYS AS LONG AS YOU AIN'T GONNA CO-OPERATE HE'S GONNA BLOW THIS BURG!
IF IT'S MONEY HE WANTS I'LL GIVE HIM ALL I'VE GOT!
NAW! HE JUST WANTS TO HAVE A TALK WITH YOU! C'MON--I'LL TAKE YOU TO HIM!
ALL RIGHT!
SAY! WHERE COULD FRAZER BE GOING THIS TIME OF NIGHT? I'M GONNA FOLLOW HIM!
OKAY, BOSS! HERE'S YER BRUDDER!
AS FRAZER STEPS THROUGH THE DOORWAY--
HA,HA, SO YOU WALKED RIGHT INTO MY TRAP! TIE HIM TIGHT, BOYS!
EASY, BUD, OR YOU'LL GET HURT!
WHY YOU--!
SUDDENLY---
CRASH!
DID I HEAR YOU SAY SOMETHING ABOUT GETTING HURT?
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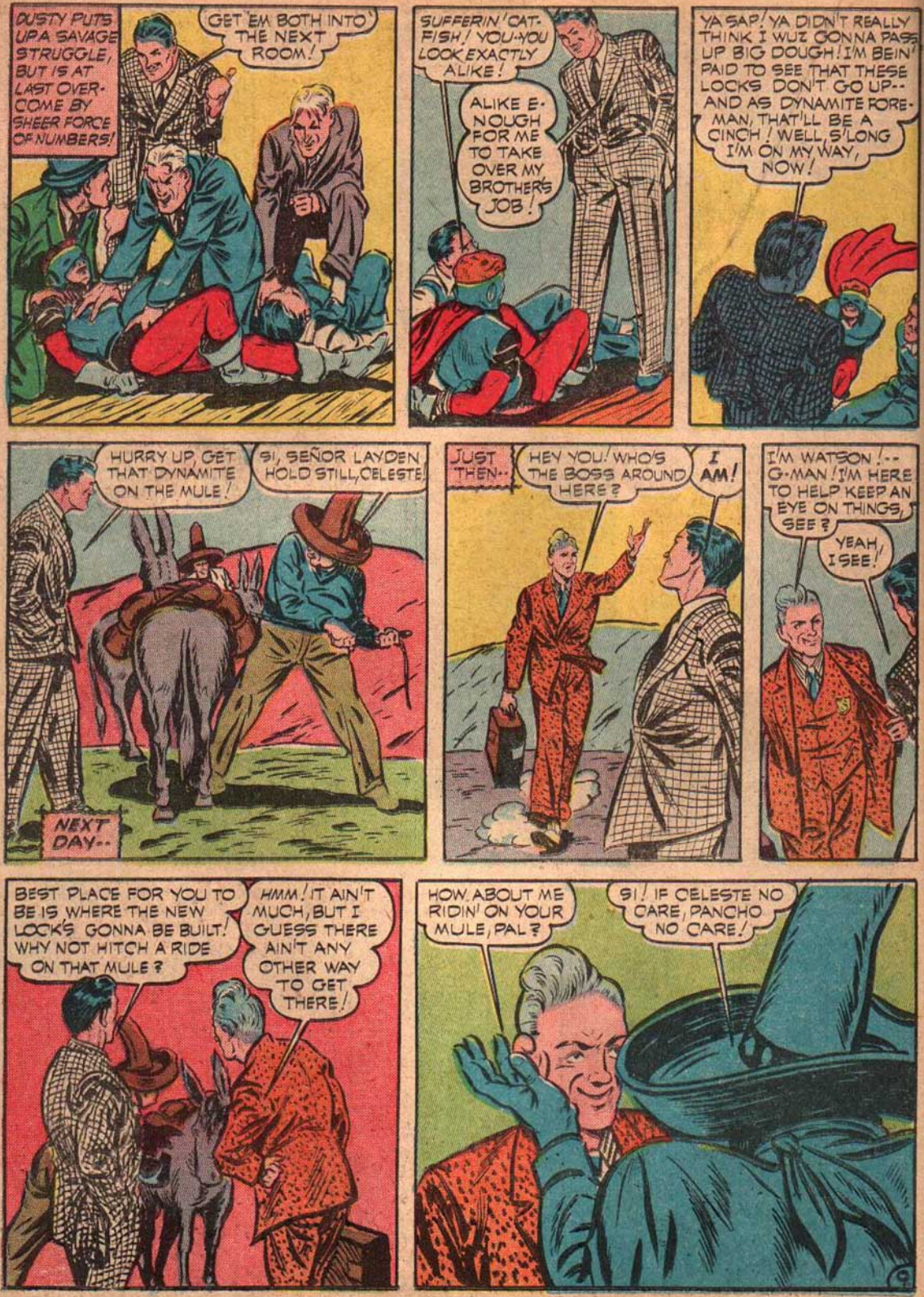
DUSTY PUTS UP A SAVAGE STRUGGLE, BUT IS AT LAST OVER-COME BY SHEER FORCE OF NUMBERS!
GET 'EM BOTH INTO THE NEXT ROOM!
SUFFERIN' CAT-FISH! YOU-YOU LOOK EXACTLY ALIKE!
ALIKE E-NOUGH FOR ME TO TAKE OVER MY BROTHER'S JOB!
YA SAP! YA DIDN'T REALLY THINK I WUZ GONNA PASS UP BIG DOUGH! I'M BEIN' PAID TO SEE THAT THESE LOCKS DON'T GO UP-- AND AS DYNAMITE FORE-MAN, THAT'LL BE A CINCH! WELL, S'LONG I'M ON MY WAY, NOW!
HURRY UP, GET THAT DYNAMITE ON THE MULE!
SI, SEÑOR LAYDEN HOLD STILL, CELESTE!
NEXT DAY--
JUST THEN--
HEY YOU! WHO'S THE BOSS AROUND HERE?
I AM!
I'M WATSON!-- G-MAN! I'M HERE TO HELP KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS, SEE?
YEAH, I SEE!
BEST PLACE FOR YOU TO BE IS WHERE THE NEW LOCK'S GONNA BE BUILT! WHY NOT HITCH A RIDE ON THAT MULE?
HMM! IT AIN'T MUCH, BUT I GUESS THERE AIN'T ANY OTHER WAY TO GET THERE!
HOW ABOUT ME RIDIN' ON YOUR MULE, PAL?
SI! IF CELESTE NO CARE, PANCHO NO CARE!

IMMEDIATELY AFTER JU JU LEAVES--
HA, HO! THAT SAP WON'T BE AROUND TO BOTHER ME MUCH LONGER!
HEY, FRAZER--ER--I MEAN LAYDEN!
SEEN ANYTHING OF MY PAL, DUSTY? HE'S BEEN GONE ALL NIGHT!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO BE, NURSEMAID TO THAT BRAT? HOW DO I KNOW WHERE HE IS?
THINGS IS TOO QUIET IN THE BACK ROOM! I BETTER HAVE ME A LOOK!
OKAY! BUT HURRY UP!
BACK AT THE SHACK.
WHEW! IT TOOK ME ALL NIGHT, BUT I FINALLY BROKE THE ROPES!
HURRY! I HEAR SOMEONE COMING!
FIRST I'LL UNTIE YOU, SO'S YOU CAN MAKE A BREAK WHILE I KEEP THEM BUSY!
I DON'T LIKE TO LEAVE YOU, BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY!
WHAT IN--! WHERE'S THE BRAT?
BANG!
OOF!
HERE I AM!
MEANWHILE--
FER THE LUVVA PETE! THIS NAG'S CRAWLIN'! HURRY UP, CELESTE!
SEÑOR! NO GOOD TO SMOKE! MUST TELL YOU!
SHUT UP, WILL YA--DANG IT! NOW THIS ORNERY MULE'S STOPPED!
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MOVE, DRAT YOU! UGH!
CELESTE! HERE SOME NICE GRASS! BE GOOD GIRL! PLEASE, CELESTE!
BUT, SEÑOR, NO GOOD TO BUILD FIRE UNDER CELESTE --- MUST TELL YOU THAT--
DON'T TELL ME NUTHIN'! I KNOW ALL ABOUT JACKASSES!
SEÑOR! YOU MAKE BIG MISTAKE! IF ONLY YOU LET ME--
IF YOU DON'T STOP PESTERIN' ME, I'M GONNA BLOW UP!
DANG THAT MULE! SHE JUST MOVED AWAY FROM THE FIRE! THIS OTHER MULE IS PASSIN' US UP! I'D HOP ON HER, BUT I'M GONNA GET CELESTE TO MOVE IF IT TAKES ALL DAY!
FURTHER ON, A FIGURE SEES THE DYNAMITE LOADED MULE WHICH PASSED JU JU, AND---
THE BULLET FINDS IT'S MARK!
POW!
THE FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION SHATTERS THE CLIFF AND SENDS TONS OF DEBRIS POURING INTO THE CANAL!
THE SHIELD SPEEDS TOWARD THE SCENE--
ANOTHER "ACCIDENTAL" EXPLOSION!
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JUST THEN, JOHN FRAZER COMES RUNNING UP---
SHIELD! SHIELD!
IT'LL TAKE WEEKS TO CLEAR THE CANAL!
B--BUT-- AARGH!
YOU DIRTY RAT! AND I WAS SAP ENOUGH TO TRUST YOU!
I HAVEN'T ANY PROOF THAT YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS, SO I'M LETTING YOU GO!
ENGINEERS AND LABORERS SOON JOIN THE SHIELD!
BUT IF I EVER LAY EYES ON YOU AGAIN, I WON'T BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ACTION!
ALL RIGHT, MEN! LET'S GET RIGHT TO WORK AND CLEAR THE STUFF OUT OF THE CANAL!
SHIELD! WHERE'S FRAZER?
DUSTY! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH FRAZER?
HE JUST MADE MORE TROUBLE!
JUST THEN!
DUSTY TELLS THE SHIELD THE STORY!
SO YOU SEE, IT'S HIS TWIN BROTHER THAT'S BEHIND IT ALL!
WELL, I'LL BE--
FRAZER'S PROBABLY GONE BACK TO CAMP TO KILL HIS BROTHER! DICK FRAZER'S GOT MOST OF HIS GANG WITH HIM! JOHN WON'T HAVE A CHANCE!

WE'VE GOT TO TRY TO HEAD HIM OFF, DUSTY!
LET'S GO, SHIELD!
WHILE BACK AT THE CAMP---
WE'VE DONE ENOUGH DAMAGE FOR NOW! THE SHIELD'S GETTING SUSPICIOUS, SO I THINK WE'D BETTER BEAT IT!
YEAH! JUST SEEIN' HIM AROUND SCARES ME!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING OUT OF HERE ALIVE DICK!
YOU'VE PULLED YOUR LAST FILTHY TRICK!
KILL THE FOOL!
BANG
BANG
BANG
OOOH!
ALL RIGHT, BOYS! YOUR PARTY IS OVER!
I'M SO MAD, I'M NOT EVEN ENJOYING THIS!
AARGH!
THE SHIELD'S NOT GONNA GET ME!---THAT BRAT AGAIN! OKAY, NOW HE GETS IT!
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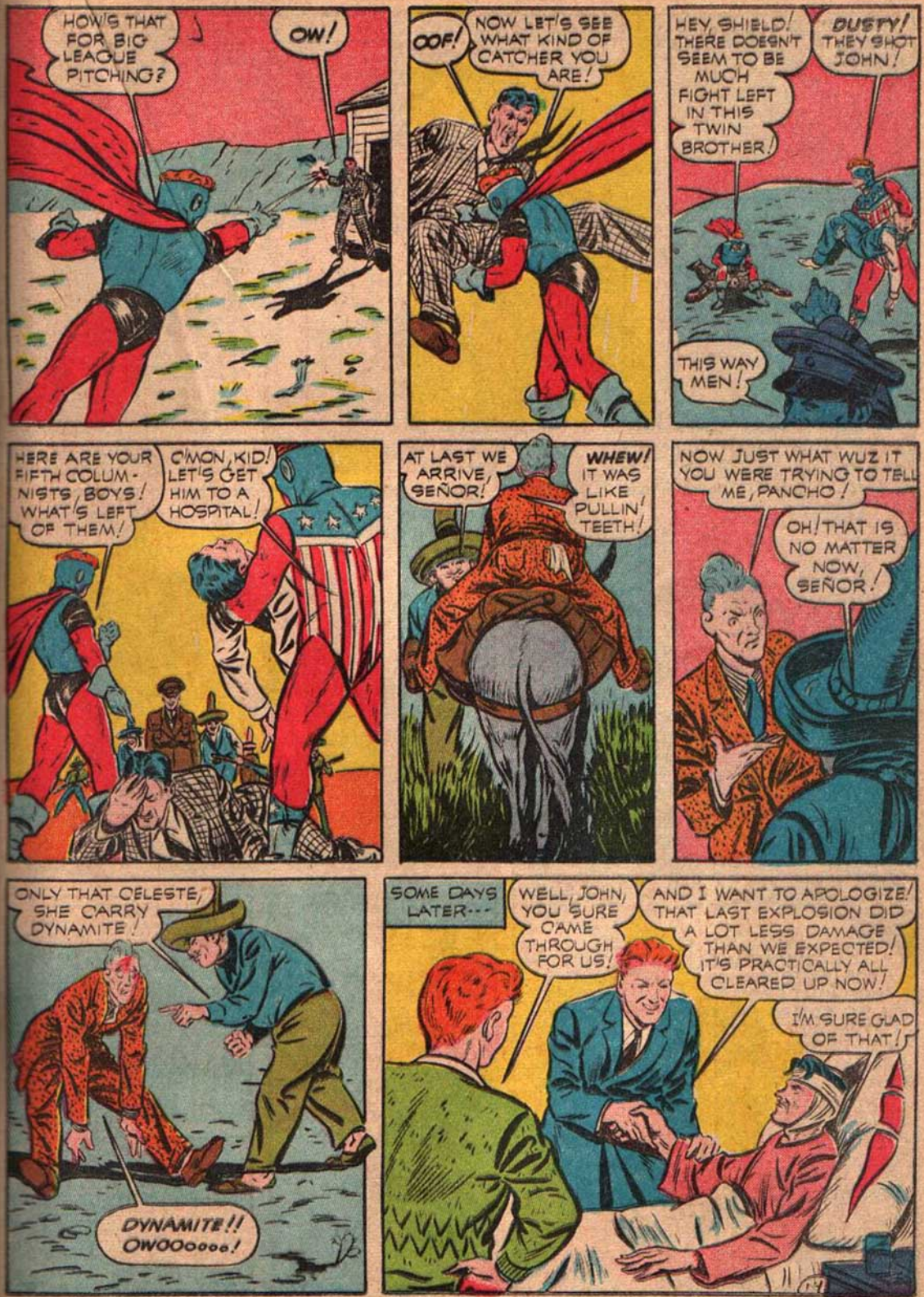
HOW'S THAT FOR BIG LEAGUE PITCHING?
OW!
OOF!
NOW LET'S SEE WHAT KIND OF CATCHER YOU ARE!
HEY, SHIELD! THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE MUCH FIGHT LEFT IN THIS TWIN BROTHER!
DUSTY! THEY SHOT JOHN!
THIS WAY MEN!
HERE ARE YOUR FIFTH COLUMNISTS, BOYS! WHAT'S LEFT OF THEM!
C'MON, KID! LET'S GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL!
AT LAST WE ARRIVE, SEÑOR!
WHEW! IT WAS LIKE PULLIN' TEETH!
NOW JUST WHAT WUZ IT YOU WERE TRYING TO TELL ME, PANCHO!
OH! THAT IS NO MATTER NOW, SEÑOR!
ONLY THAT CELESTE, SHE CARRY DYNAMITE!
DYNAMITE!! OWOOOOOO!
SOME DAYS LATER---
WELL, JOHN, YOU SURE CAME THROUGH FOR US!
AND I WANT TO APOLOGIZE! THAT LAST EXPLOSION DID A LOT LESS DAMAGE THAN WE EXPECTED! IT'S PRACTICALLY ALL CLEARED UP NOW!
I'M SURE GLAD OF THAT!

THE ORIGINAL
SHIELD
WITH DUSTY
THE BOY DETECTIVE
OUR STORY OPENS IN A VERMONT VACATION RESORT FOR UNDER PRIVILEGED YOUTHS! YOUTHS BROUGHT FROM THE CITY SLUMS BY A SO CALLED PHILANTHROPICAL SOCIETY! DAILY, THE YOUNGSTERS ARRIVE, HEARTS BRIMMING WITH HAPPINESS, EYES SHINING WITH THE JOYOUS ANTICIPATION OF A NEW LIFE FOR A FEW MONTHS, AWAY FROM THE SORDID AND SULTRY CITY STREETS! A LIFE OF SUNSHINE, PURE, FRESH AIR AND GREEN GRASS! THEN THEIR FONDEST HOPES ARE CRUELLY DASHED, AND THEY ARE BROUGHT QUICKLY TO THE HARSH REALIZATION OF WHAT THEY ARE ACTUALLY TO EXPERIENCE!!
NOW GET DEM BUCKETS FILLED WITH BERRIES! AND NO MORE SQUAWKS!
Y..YES SIR!
WHILE BACK IN THE CITY, IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SUPPOSED CHARITY ORGANIZATION!
SO FAR WE MADE A HUNDRED GRAND OUT OF OUR CAMP! NOT A BAD RACKET, EH?
WE'LL MAKE A MILLION BEFORE SUMMER'S OVER!
THE SUCKERS ARE COMING THROUGH WITH THEIR DONATIONS, EH?
SURE! THEY THINK OUR CAMP IS REALLY FOR CHARITY. THEY FALL OVER THEMSELVES CONTRIBUTING TO ITS UPKEEP!

THE CAMP IS ALSO A TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION WITH JOE HIGGINS AND DUSTY!
SLATS HOME FROM CAMP ALREADY? I THOUGHT HE WAS STAYING ALL SUMMER!
SO DID I, BUT HE JUST CALLED ME ON THE PHONE!
WELL, HERE'S SLATS' HOUSE, JOE!
BOY! I'LL BET HE'S GOT HIMSELF SOME TAN!
MOM! IT'S JOE AND DUSTY! HIYA GANG!
HELLO, SLATS! HELLO MRS. GORDON!
THAT SON OF YOURS JUST COULDN'T STAY AWAY FROM HIS MOTHER, EH! MRS. GORDON?
THAT'S NOT IT, JOE! THAT PLACE IS RUN BY A BUNCH OF RACKETEERS I TELL YA! MOM WON'T BELIEVE ME!
YOU KNOW HOW BOYS ARE MR. HIGGINS, A LITTLE DISCIPLINE AND THEY THINK THEY'RE BEING MISTREATED!
THAT'S JUST HOW THEY GET AWAY WITH IT JOE, ALL THE PARENTS FIGURE THE SAME WAY! BUT THEY REALLY MADE US WORK NIGHT AND DAY PICKIN' BERRIES, THEN THEY STARVED US! I RAN AWAY!
YOUR MOTHER'S PROBABLY RIGHT, SLATS YOU KIDS EXPECT TOO MUCH! WELL S'LONG!
JOE YOU DON'T REALLY THINK THAT...
NO, DUSTY I'VE A HUNCH THAT SLATS IS REALLY TELLING THE TRUTH!
IT'D BE EASY ENOUGH TO GET KIDS UP THERE AND PULL SOME FUNNY STUFF! I'M GOING TO LOOK INTO THIS!
LEMME HANDLE THIS, HUH, JOE? I COULD GET INTO THAT CAMP AND FIND OUT WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!
HO! HO! STARTING TO SPROUT WINGS, EH! WELL OKAY! LET'S SEE HOW YOU HANDLE A CASE ON YOUR OWN!
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HE'S A GREAT KID THAT DUSTY! I'M GOING TO TAG ALONG, SO I CAN BE AROUND IF HE NEEDS ME!
SLONG, JOE! AND DON'T WORRY!
DAYS LATER DUSTY APPROACHES THE VERMONT FARM WHERE A GUARD STANDS WATCH!
A HITCH HIKER!
ANY CHANCE OF GETTIN A MEAL MISTER? I'M WILLING TO WORK FOR IT!
I MUST'VE WALKED A MILLION MILES, 'N I'D SURE APPRECIATE...
HMM... YOU SURE LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE A FEED! WELL, COME WITH ME! MAYBE WE COULD USE YA!
THIS KID WANTS A HANDOUT, LEFTY! HE LOOKS OKAY TO ME!
I DON'T WANT A HANDOUT! I TOLD HIM I WAS WILLING TO WORK!
SO YOU'RE WILLING TO WORK, EH! OKAY! YOU'LL GET IT! BUT PLENTY!
AND WE DON'T WANTA HEAR ANY GRIPING EITHER! TAKE 'IM TO THE DINING ROOM, STUD!
IN THE DINING HALL!
BOY OBOY AM I HUNGRY! THEY DIDN'T LET ME EAT LUNCH TODAY!
UGH! THIS FOOD TASTES TERRIBLE!
WELL, IT'S THE BEST WE'VE HAD IN WEEKS!
HEY YOU! NO TALKING! THIS IS A DINING ROOM, NOT A SEWING CIRCLE!
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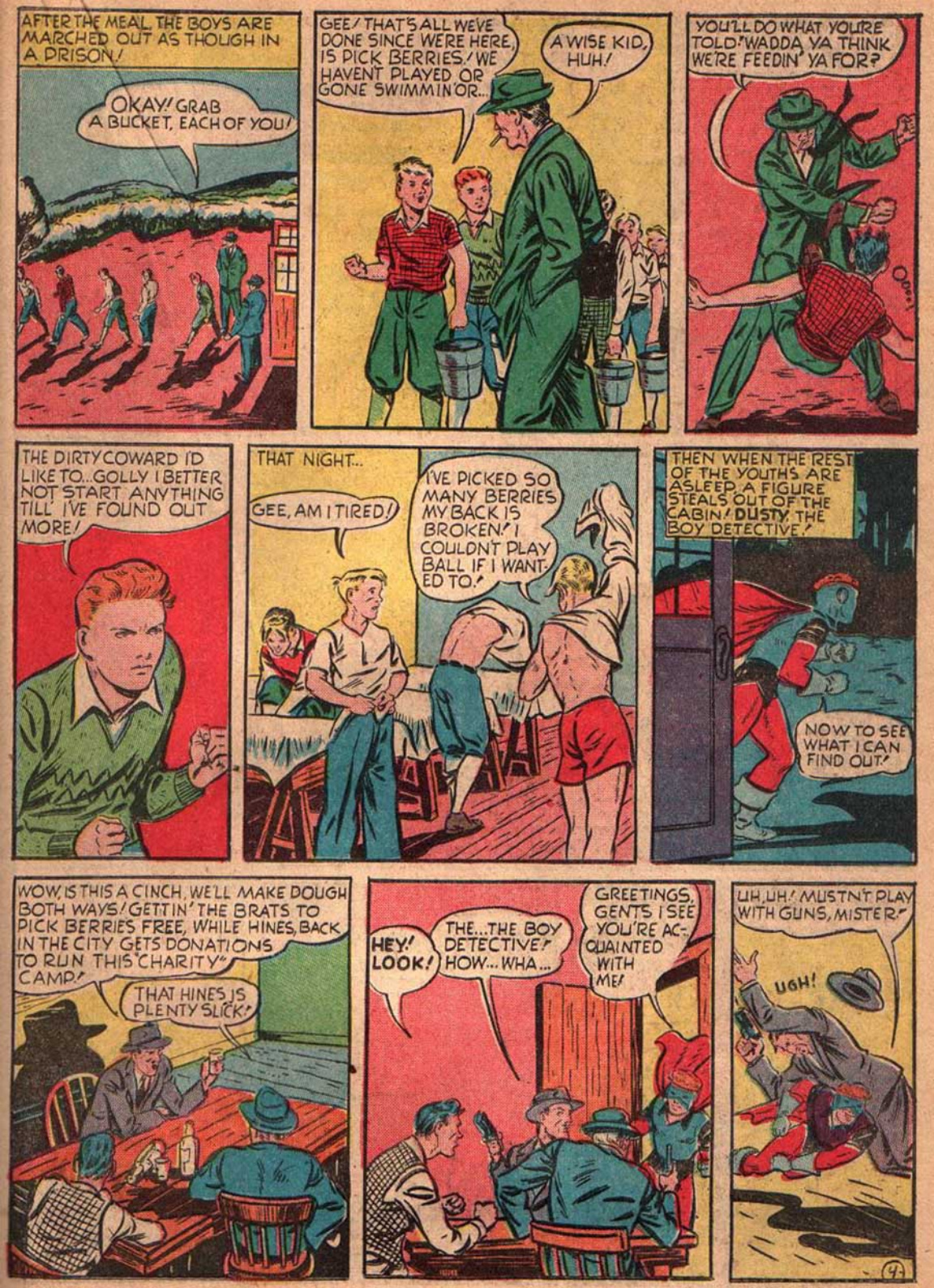
Y-YES SIR!


AFTER THE MEAL, THE BOYS ARE MARCHED OUT AS THOUGH IN A PRISON!
OKAY! GRAB A BUCKET, EACH OF YOU!
GEE! THAT'S ALL WE'VE DONE SINCE WERE HERE, IS PICK BERRIES! WE HAVENT PLAYED OR GONE SWIMMIN'OR...
A WISE KID, HUH!
YOU'LL DO WHAT YOU'RE TOLD! WADDA YA THINK WE'RE FEEDIN' YA FOR?
OOF!
THE DIRTY COWARD I'D LIKE TO...GOLLY I BETTER NOT START ANYTHING TILL I'VE FOUND OUT MORE!
THAT NIGHT...
GEE, AM I TIRED!
I'VE PICKED SO MANY BERRIES MY BACK IS BROKEN! I COULDN'T PLAY BALL IF I WANTED TO!
THEN WHEN THE REST OF THE YOUTHS ARE ASLEEP, A FIGURE STEALS OUT OF THE CABIN! DUSTY, THE BOY DETECTIVE!
NOW TO SEE WHAT I CAN FIND OUT!
WOW, IS THIS A CINCH, WE'LL MAKE DOUGH BOTH WAYS! GETTIN' THE BRATS TO PICK BERRIES FREE, WHILE HINES, BACK IN THE CITY GETS DONATIONS TO RUN THIS "CHARITY" CAMP!
THAT HINES IS PLENTY SLICK!
HEY! LOOK!
THE...THE BOY DETECTIVE! HOW... WHA...
GREETINGS, GENTS I SEE YOU'RE ACQUAINTED WITH ME!
UH, UH! MUSTN'T PLAY WITH GUNS, MISTER!
UGH!
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WHILE, ON THE ROOF OF THE CABIN!
HA! HA! LOOKS LIKE I CAME ALONG FOR THE RIDE! DUSTY SEEMS TO HAVE THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND!
AAA... OFFFFF...
I'VE BEEN ITCHING TO SCRAMBLE YOUR TEETH, ALL DAY, YOU LUGS!
UHF!
WELL THOSE BIRDS ARE IN COLD STORAGE FOR AWHILE! NOW I'LL WAKE UP ALL THE KIDS!
LOOK, GANG! HERE'S OUR CHANCE TO BREAK UP THE WHOLE RACKET! ARE YOU WITH ME?
WOW! IT'S DUSTY THE BOY DETECTIVE! YOU BET WE'RE WITH YOU! HUH, FELLOWS!
ANYTHING YOU SAY, DUSTY! I'D SURE LIKE TO GET EVEN WITH THOSE FELLOWS!
HALF OF US'LL GO TO THE CITY AND TAKE CARE OF HINES! THE REST OF YOU STAY BEHIND WITH THE COUNSELLORS!
SPEC
NEXT DAY! BUT WE'VE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED, MR HINES!
BUT AFTER ALL, EXPENSES ARE VERY HIGH! I'M CONTRIBUTING MY SERVICES FREE OF CHARGE, IT'S ALL FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE KIDS!
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT OF COURSE! IT WAS SELFISH OF ME! HOW MUCH DID YOU SAY YOU'D NEED?
AT THAT MOMENT..
HE'S GOING TO GET WHAT HE NEEDS! BUT IT WON'T BE MONEY!
(HOW.. WHO..)
YOUR JIG'S UP, HINES!
UGH
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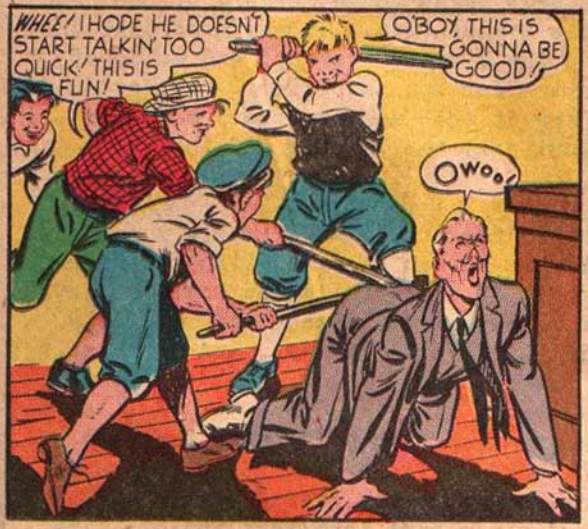
HERE! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
I'LL TELL YOU... JUST AS SOON AS I GET THROUGH WITH A VERY PLEASANT JOB!
OOW!
KNNK!

MR. HINES IS A RACKETEER! HE'S BEEN KEEPING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HIMSELF AND STARVING THE KIDS!
I DON'T BELIEVE A WORD OF IT!
ABSURD!

MAYBE YOU WILL WHEN HINES TELLS YOU HIMSELF! OKAY, GO TO IT BOYS!
I GET FIRST WHACK!


WHEE! I HOPE HE DOESN'T START TALKIN' TOO QUICK! THIS IS FUN!
O'BOY, THIS IS GONNA BE GOOD!
OWOO!

STOP! STOP! I'VE HAD ENOUGH I CONFESS!

IT'S TRUE! THOSE DONATIONS WERE GOIN' INTO OUR POCKETS! THE WHOLE THING WAS A RACKET! CALL THE COPS! DO ANYTHING! BUT KEEP THOSE KIDS AWAY FROM ME!

AW GEE! LEMME GET ONE, DUSTY! I ONLY HIT 'IM TWELVE TIMES!
HA! HA! EASY JIMMY!
HELLO! POLICE STATION PLEASE!

NEXT DAY!
WELL, HOW'D I DO, JOE?
SWELL, DUSTY! I'M STILL LAUGHING AT THIS PICTURE OF WHAT THE KIDS ARE DOING TO THEIR COUNSELLORS AT THE CAMP!
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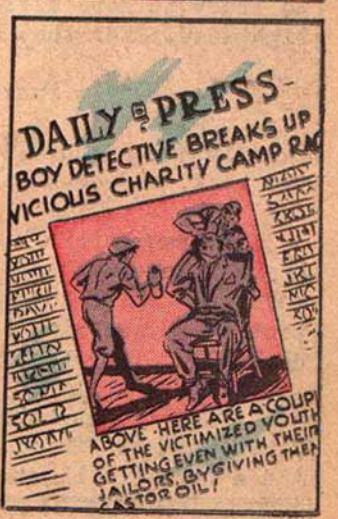
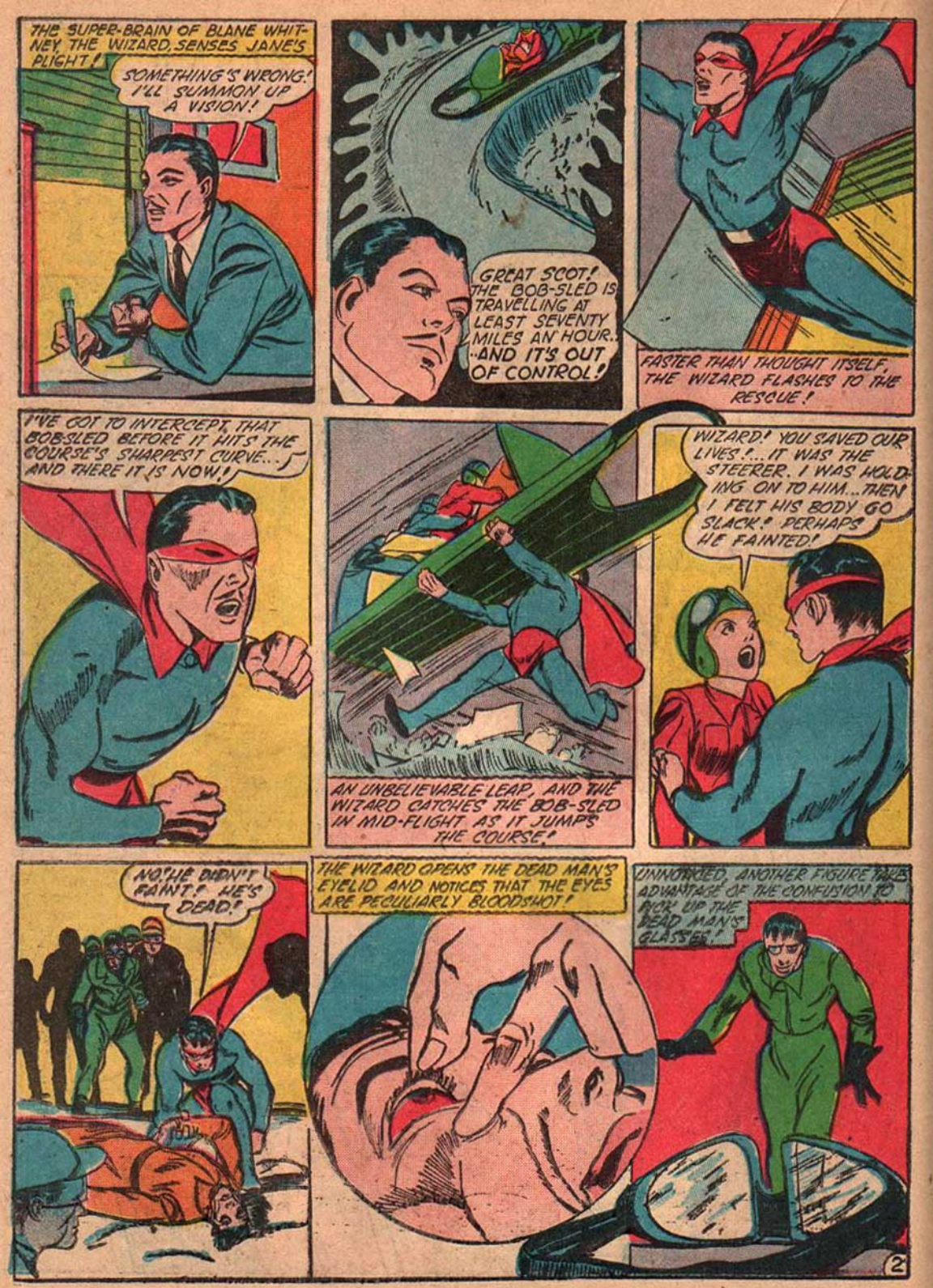

DAILY PRESS
BOY DETECTIVE BREAKS UP VICIOUS CHARITY CAMP RA
ABOVE - HERE ARE A COUP OF THE VICTIMIZED YOUTH GETTING EVEN WITH THEIR JAILORS, BY GIVING THEM CASTOR OIL!

THE WIZARD
WITH ROY THE SUPER-BOY
BLANE WHITNEY, HIS WARD, ROY AND HIS FIANCEE, JANE BARLOW, ARE VACATIONING AT SUN VALLEY. AS OUR STORY OPENS, JANE IS ON THE BOB-SLED RUN, RIDING DOWN THE SLOPE AT A TERRIFIC SPEED.....
...WHEN THE DRIVER IN FRONT OF HER SUDDENLY GOES LIMP...
GREAT HEAVENS! THE BOB-SLED'S OUT OF CONTROL! WE'LL ALL BE KILLED! HELP!


THE SUPER-BRAIN OF BLANE WHITNEY THE WIZARD, SENSES JANE'S PLIGHT!
SOMETHING'S WRONG! I'LL SUMMON UP A VISION!
GREAT SCOT! THE BOB-SLED IS TRAVELLING AT LEAST SEVENTY MILES AN HOUR.. ..AND IT'S OUT OF CONTROL!
FASTER THAN THOUGHT ITSELF, THE WIZARD FLASHES TO THE RESCUE!
I'VE GOT TO INTERCEPT THAT BOB-SLED BEFORE IT HITS THE COURSE'S SHARPEST CURVE... AND THERE IT IS NOW!
AN UNBELIEVABLE LEAP, AND THE WIZARD CATCHES THE BOB-SLED IN MID-FLIGHT, AS IT JUMPS THE COURSE!
WIZARD! YOU SAVED OUR LIVES!... IT WAS THE STEERER. I WAS HOLDING ON TO HIM...THEN I FELT HIS BODY GO SLACK! PERHAPS HE FAINTED!
NO! HE DIDN'T FAINT! HE'S DEAD!
THE WIZARD OPENS THE DEAD MAN'S EYELID AND NOTICES THAT THE EYES ARE PECULIARLY BLOODSHOT!
UNNOTICED, ANOTHER FIGURE TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION TO PICK UP THE DEAD MAN'S GLASSES!
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AND THEN FURTIVELY SLIPS AWAY TO RETURN TO HIS OWN ROOM IN THE HOTEL!
HA, HA, A FINE DAY'S WORK, TORGO! A FINE DAY'S WORK! HEART FAILURE THEY ALL CALLED IT! AND IN A LITTLE WHILE THERE'LL BE ANOTHER "HEART FAILURE" VICTIM!
THERE! THAT'S DONE! NOW TO SEE THAT THE PROPER PERSON GETS THESE SKI-GLASSES - AND MY TASK IS COMPLETE! YOU HAVE OUTDONE YOUR BRILLIANT SELF, TORGO!
LATER, IN THE HOTEL LOBBY-
TOUGH ABOUT THAT GUY'S HEART-FAILURE, HUH, BLANE?
I'M NOT SO SURE IT WAS HEART-FAILURE ROY!
COME ON, ROY! READY TO GO SKIING?
YEAH, SURE, JANE! HOW'S ABOUT YOU, BLANE? WANNA GO WITH US?
NO! I'M NOT MUCH ON THAT OUTDOOR STUFF YOU KNOW. ENJOY YOURSELVES!
MEANWHILE, ON ONE OF THE SKI-JUMPS, A GUEST RIDES DOWN THE SLOPE FOR HIS TAKE-OFF..
THE SKI-ER CATAPULTS DOWNWARD WITH EXPRESS TRAIN SPEED - THEN LEAPS INTO SPACE!
HA, HA, HA! WHAT A FLOP BARTON TOOK?
HAW, HAW! HE TOOK OFF LIKE A BIRD, BUT HE LOST HIS WINGS!
DO IT AGAIN, BARTON! WE DIDN'T SEE YOU!
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BLANE ALSO SEES THE TUMBLE, BUT IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT!
THAT WAS NO ORDINARY SPILL, MR. BARTON TOOK! HE'S ALL CRUMPLED UP IN A HEAP - AND HE'S NOT GETTING UP!
THIS LOOKS LIKE SOME MORE WORK FOR THE WIZARD!
WH... WHAT'S HAP-PENED!
STAND BACK, EVERYBODY! THIS MAN'S DEAD!
A FAMILIAR SCENE IS RE-ENACT-ED!
NOW TO GET BAR-TON'S GLASS-ES, AND...
SUDDENLY, ALL ARE STARTLED BY A SHRILL SCREAM FROM BEHIND. THEY TURN AND SEE...
GREAT CEASAR, LOOK WHAT'S COMING AT US! SCATTER, EVERYBODY!
TRACK! (HIC) LOOK OUT BELOW (HIC)
BEFORE TORGO CAN RETRIEVE THE GLASSES, THE WILD SKI-ER PLOUGHS INTO HIM FULL TILT - WITH A RESULTING TANGLE OF ARMS AND LEGS...
SHCUSE ME! (HIC) GROUND AROUN' HERE ISH VERY NASH-TY! JUMPSH UP 'N HIT ME IN THE FACE!
YOU DRUNKEN LOUT!
A PLAN OF ACTION CRYSTALLIZES IN THE WIZARD'S BRAIN!
I'M CONVINCED NOW THOSE DEATHS WEREN'T ACCIDENTAL!
I'M GOING TO THE DEAD MEN'S ROOMS AND IN-VESTIGATE THEM!
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WH... THESE AREN'T THE RIGHT GLASSES! THAT DRUNKEN FOOL! HE MUST'VE PICKED UP THE ONE'S BARTON WORE!
GLUG... GLUG... GLUG...
HEY! YOU!
HIYA, PALLY (HIC) HERE HAVE SHOME COUGH MEDESHIN!
GIVE ME THOSE GLASSES YOU PICKED UP! THEY'RE MINE!
WHADDA YA MEAN THEY'RE YOURSH! THEY'RE MINE! YOU'RE DRUNK! THASH WHAT!
GIVE ME THOSE GLASSES OR I'LL...
OH! SO IT'SH A FIGHT YA WANT... OOPSH. I'M S'HLIPPIN'!
TRACK!
HEY JANE! LOOK!
TRACK!
OOF!
HEY! WATCH OUT! UGH!
HEY, OLD TIMER! YOU'RE A LITTLE UNDER THE WEATHER! HERE I'LL HELP YOU UP!
YOU'RE A GENNULMAN! HAVE SHOME COUGH MEDESHIN!
NO, THANKS! I DON'T... ER... COUGH!
GOTTA SHOW MY APPRESHIASHN FOR A GENNULMAN! TAKE MY GLASSES!

MUSTN'T REFUSH ME. I INSHIST!
HUMOR HIM AND TAKE THEM, JANE. I'LL HELP HIM BACK TO THE HOTEL!
OH, ALL RIGHT! I'M GOING TO THE SKI COURSE-SEE YOU LATER!
BUT TORGO, NOT REALIZING THAT THE DRUNK HAS GIVEN THE POISONED GLASSES TO JANE AND FEARING THAT THEY MIGHT FALL INTO THE WIZARD'S HANDS, WAITS WITH A SILENCED RIFLE FOR THE DRUNK TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE.....
I'LL FIX THAT DRUNKEN FOOL!
AS ROY HELPS THE DRUNK BACK TO THE HOTEL...
ZNG
DOWN! SOMEBODY'S FIRING AT US!
WHILE BACK IN THE KILLER'S ROOM—
OH, EXCUSE ME! I DIDN'T KNOW..
ER...AH..QUITE ALL RIGHT! COME IN! I'M JUST CLEANING MY GUN!
SEEN MR. BLANE WHITNEY AROUND, CLERK?
WHY, NO!
I'VE LOOKED ALL OVER FOR BLANE! GUESS I'LL HAVE TO SHIFT FOR MYSELF. I'LL JUST KEEP AN EYE ON THE DRUNK AND WAIT FOR THE KILLER TO MAKE HIS NEXT MOVE!
SOME TIME LATER
WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T MY OLD FRIEND!
HOW ABOUT HAVING A DRINK WITH ME IN MY ROOM!
I DON'T DRINK! ONLY USE COUGH MEDESHN! (HIC)
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NO THANKSH, GOT MY OWN COUGH MEDESHIN (GURGLE, GURGLE)
LOOK, OLD PAL, THOSE GLASSES YOU PICKED UP, I'LL BUY THEM FROM YOU!
OH, SHO THASH WHY YA BROUGHT ME UP? YOU'RE NOT MY PAL! KNOCK YER BLOCK OFF, THASH WHAT!
SHH.. EASY! QUIET!
DON' WANNA BE QUIET! WANNA KNOCK YER BLOCK OFF!
YOU BRAINLESS... I'LL QUIET YOU! PERMANENTLY!
OH NO YOU WON'T!
BANG
ATSHA BOY KID! SHOCK 'IM AGAIN! (HIC)
I'LL HELP YA... OOPSH ...MISSED!
BOP
THE FORCE OF THE DRUNK'S SWING CARRIES HIM COMPLETELY AROUND AND OUT THE WINDOW!
TRACK!
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WHAT'S THAT GUY TRYIN' TO DO?
HEY, MISTER! THOSE SKIS BELONG ON YOUR FEET - NOT ON YOUR STOMACH
ZAT SHO?
MAYBE THA'SH WHY I DIDN'T DO SHO GOOD! I'LL TRY IT AGAIN SH'-LONG!
WHILE BACK IN THE ROOM -
SOMEBODY'S COMING! I'LL HAVE TO HIDE THIS BRAT!
DID THAT DISTURBANCE COME FROM THIS ROOM?
NO! MUST BE SOME MISTAKE!
MEANWHILE -
IT'S GETTING RATHER LATE! BUT I'M DETERMINED TO SKI TODAY!
I'LL HAVE THESE ON FOR YOU IN A SECOND
I KNOW HOW TO FINISH OFF THIS IMP SO AS TO MAKE IT LOOK ACCIDENTAL, THEN I'LL ATTEND TO THE DRUNK THERE'S A DESERTED SKI COURSE WHICH WILL JUST SUIT MY PURPOSE!
HA! SO YOU'VE AWAKENED! JUST IN TIME TO SEE YOUR OWN DOOM!
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USING THE LOWER ROPE OF THE SKI TOW, TORGO TURNS A LOOP AROUND ROY'S NECK!
THAT'S RIGHT, BUT YOU'LL NOT LIVE TO TALK ABOUT IT!
THE WIZARD WAS RIGHT! THERE IS MURDER GOING ON HERE AND YOU'RE THE MURDERER!
AT THAT MOMENT THE WIZARD IS IN THE ROOM OF ONE OF THE DEAD MEN SEARCHING THROUGH HIS BELONGINGS
HMM! I'M BEGINNING TO SEE LIGHT!
WHAT'S THAT! SEEMS LIKE A CALL KEEPS PRESSING AT MY BRAIN! IT'S BECOMING CLEARER! IT'S ROY!! I'LL SUMMON UP A SUPER-VISION!
THERE WAS A POISON ON THEIR GLASSES WHICH VAPORIZED WHEN THE WEARER TRAVELLED AT HIGH SPEED! THAT DRUNKEN FOOL PICKED UP ONE PAIR BY ACCIDENT!
GREAT GHOSTS. HE GAVE THEM TO JANE!
GOOD LORD! AND JANE'S ABOUT TO GO DOWN THE SKI SLOPE! WHAT WILL I DO? HOW CAN I SAVE THEM BOTH?
BUT, W'"LE ALL THIS IS HAPPENING, THE DRUNK STAGGERS UP ONE OF THE HILLS, AND...
SLUP... GURGLE ...GLUB...
YIPPEE! HERE I GO! TRACK!
UNABLE TO STOP HIMSELF THE DRUNK HURTLES STRAIGHT AT A SKI PLATFORM.
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AND-
CRASH
HEY! STOP! THAT GUY'S RUINED THE PLATFORM! WE'LL ALL HAVE TO USE ANOTHER ONE!
OH SHUX!
(SNIFF, SNIFF) MY COUGH MEDESHN! IT'SH ALL BUSTED! NOW I'LL CATCH A COLD FER SHURE!
THAT DRUNKEN FELLOW DE-LAYED JANE! GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESCUE ROY!
WOW! GUESS MY GOOSE IS COOKED!
GOT TO GET TO THOSE GEARS BEFORE ROY DOES, OR THEY'LL GRIND HIM TO A HAM-BURGER!
WHEW! NOT A SPLIT SECOND TOO SOON!
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WIZARD!, JANE SHE'S...
YES, I KNOW! YOU GO AFTER THE KILLER. I'LL GO TO JANE!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT, JANE IS ABOUT TO PUSH OFF. CAN THE WIZARD ARRIVE IN TIME?
TRACK!
GEE... I'M GETTING GROGGY!
GOT HER!
THEN AS JANE IS IN MID-FLIGHT..
OOO.. WH.. WHAT HAPPENED? EVERYTHING'S SPINNING AROUND!
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
THANK HEAVENS! I GOT TO HER BEFORE SHE ATTAINED ANY GREAT SPEED!
IN THE MEANTIME-
AH! THERE'S THAT STEW-BUM! I'LL FINISH HIM OFF IN A HURRY - AND THEN THERE WON'T BE A SINGLE LIVING WITNESS!
HEY! WHAT YA POINTIN' THAT GUN AT ME FER! IT AIN'T PER-LITE!
BEFORE THE KILLER CAN PULL THE TRIGGER-
HEY! PUT DOWN THAT GUN!
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OH, OH! NOW IT'S ME HE'S SHOOTING AT!
CRACK
THAT IMP HAS UPSET ALL MY PLANS! I'LL HAVE TO CLEAR OUT NOW!
LEM-ME HAVE YOUR SKIS! I GOTTA GET THAT GUY!
SURE-(HIC) YOU'RE MY PAL!
THAT RAVINE AHEAD - IT'S BLOCKING MY WAY! I'LL HAVE TO TRY AND JUMP OVER IT!
EEYOW
THE KILLER MISJUDGES, AND
WOW! I MADE IT BY A WHISKER!
A BREATH-TAKING CHASE ENSUES...
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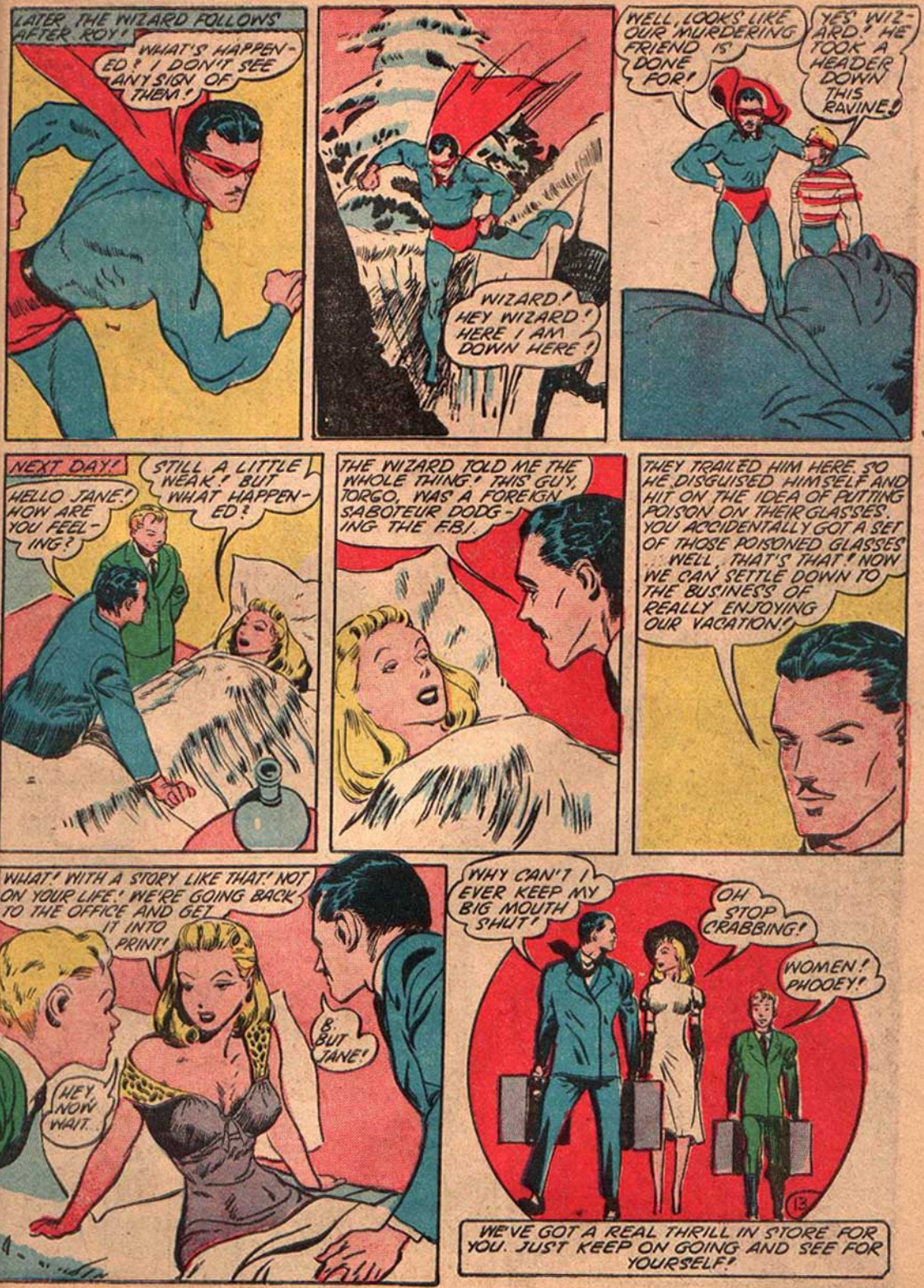
LATER THE WIZARD FOLLOWS AFTER ROY!
WHAT'S HAPPENED! I DON'T SEE ANY SIGN OF THEM!
WIZARD! HEY WIZARD! HERE I AM DOWN HERE!
WELL, LOOKS LIKE OUR MURDERING FRIEND IS DONE FOR!
YES, WIZARD! HE TOOK A HEADER DOWN THIS RAVINE!
NEXT DAY!
HELLO JANE! HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
STILL A LITTLE WEAK! BUT WHAT HAPPENED!
THE WIZARD TOLD ME THE WHOLE THING! THIS GUY, TORGO, WAS A FOREIGN SABOTEUR DODGING THE F.B.I.
THEY TRAILED HIM HERE. SO HE DISGUISED HIMSELF AND HIT ON THE IDEA OF PUTTING POISON ON THEIR GLASSES. YOU ACCIDENTALLY GOT A SET OF THOSE POISONED GLASSES WELL, THAT'S THAT! NOW WE CAN SETTLE DOWN TO THE BUSINESS OF REALLY ENJOYING OUR VACATION!
WHAT! WITH A STORY LIKE THAT! NOT ON YOUR LIFE! WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE OFFICE AND GET IT INTO PRINT!
HEY, NOW WAIT..
B, BUT JANE!
WHY CAN'T I EVER KEEP MY BIG MOUTH SHUT!
OH STOP CRABBING!
WOMEN! PHOOEY!
WE'VE GOT A REAL THRILL IN STORE FOR YOU. JUST KEEP ON GOING AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!